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TENTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING LINKS PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

by Gwen Momita

The 10th Annual Meeting of the JAHSSD was held October 12, 2002, at the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. The theme for this year's celebration was "Bridge—Past to Future." More than 150 members and friends gathered to enjoy the exhibits, keynote address, presentations and a delicious obento.

It was an honor to have Mrs. Yuko Kaifu as our keynote speaker. With her radiant smile and lilting voice, Mrs. Kaifu shared some of her experiences as official interpreter for her Majesty the Empress of Japan. She also talked about her duties as Assistant to the Japanese Consulate General of Los Angeles, and in particular her job as liaison between the Consul and the Japanese American community.

The 2002 Kansha Awards were presented to three well-deserving gentlemen.

Masami Honda, a long-time community service advocate, has faithfully served the Buddhist Temple, the JACL, and the Gardeners Association. With a determined attitude, he continues today assisting at Kiku Gardens as night manager.

Dr. Randall Phillips is no stranger to any of us involved in the Nikkei Community. As Honorary Consul General of Japan in San Diego, he actively supports a variety of religious, cultural and business organizations, as well as dancing at the Obon Festival!

James Yamate is also a familiar figure...you will recognize him by that big smile on his face! James can be found working at the Japanese Christian Church, Kiku Gardens, as well as the Japanese Friendship Garden. With his gentle ways, James brings experience and leadership to his community.

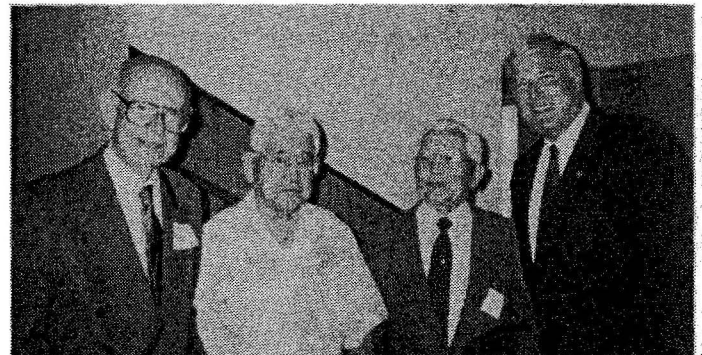
All three gentlemen accepted the beautiful, hand-made plaques with modesty and grace. Their comments to the gathering reflected a common devotion to their work and gratitude to the support of their friends and family. They are indeed living bridges linking us, past to future.

County Supervisor Greg Cox and his Policy Advisor Ron Kelley represented San Diego County. Sup. Cox presented the Kansha recipients with special letters of commendation recognizing their long-time contributions to San Diego. He also read a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors commending the Society on achievements during its first ten years.

Congratulatory letters were also received from Mayor Dick

Murphy and Governor Gray Davis.

Thank you to all who attended the event, and to those who donated time and efforts to make this possible. As we move into our second decade, the JAHSSD remains committed to preserving the past, as well as building our future.



2002 Kansha Award recipients (from left) Dr. Randall Phillips, Masami Honda, and James Yamate are congratulated by County Supervisor Greg Cox

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- DEC. 6-7** – Balboa Park "December Nights," 5-9 p.m.
Japanese Friendship Garden serves teriyaki chicken/
yakisoba/miso soup
- DEC. 7** – JCC Women's Christmas Breakfast, San Diego
Japanese Christian Church, 8:30 a.m., 619/234-2697
- DEC. 10** – "Sushi Sake Social," sponsored by JACL,
San Diego Chapter, Hayama Restaurant, 6-8 p.m.,
619/230-0314 (Reservations by Dec. 6)
- DEC. 11** – Nichigobu Christmas Night, SDJCC, 7 p.m.
- DEC. 14** – Origami Class, Japanese Friendship Garden,
1-3 p.m. Fee, 619/232-2721
- DEC. 15** – Christmas Program, Ocean View United
Church of Christ (OVUCC), 10 a.m.; Caroling at Kiku
Garden, 1:30 p.m., 619/233-3620
- DEC. 15** – Mochitsuki, Buddhist Temple of San Diego
(BTSD), 6 a.m.-4 p.m.; mochi sales, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- DEC. 15** – Obon Again Shop (new, vintage Asian wares
for holiday gifts), BTSD Sangha Hall, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.,
619/239-0896
- DEC. 15** – Christmas Program, SDJCC, 7 p.m.
- DEC. 18** – Christmas Candlelight Service, SDJCC,
7 p.m.
- DEC. 21** – Mochitsuki, SDJCC, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
- DEC. 22** – Christmas Service, SDJCC: Nichigobu,
9:15 a.m.; English, 10:30 a.m.
- DEC. 24** – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, OVUCC,
6:30 p.m.
- DEC. 27** – Udon Fellowship, SDJCC, 7 p.m.
- DEC. 31** – New Year's Eve (*Joya-e*) Service, BTSD, 7:30
p.m.
- DEC. 31** – Annual Bell-Ringing Service (*Joya no Kane*),
Shelter Island Friendship Bell, 619/239-0896
- JAN. 1** – New Year's Day Service, BTSD, 10 a.m.
- JAN. 19** – Ho-Onko Service, BTSD, 10 a.m.
- FEB. 1 & 2** – Chinese New Year Food and Cultural Faire,
3rd Ave. between Island and J Streets, 619/234-4447
- FEB. 1-22** – *Sam I Am*, a comedy by Garrett Omata,
San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre,
Playhouse on Plaza, National City. Groups rates for 6
or more, 888/568-2278
- FEB. 5** – UCSD Day of Remembrance, sponsored by
UCSD Nikkei Student Union, 858/558-1316
- FEB. 6** – Lecture by Sachio Semmoto of eAccess,
Japan Society of San Diego and Tijuana, 858/534-1957
- FEB. 16** – Nirvana Day and Fujinkai Memorial Service,
BTSD, 10 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Vernon Yoshioka

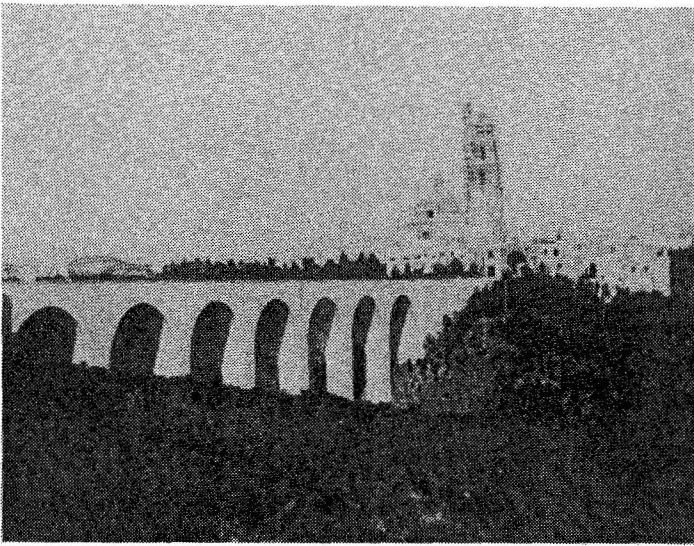
Wow! Our 10th Anniversary Celebration was superb. For those of you who couldn't be there, you missed a really good one. For those of you who are curious, you can see some of the highlights on our new web site at www.jahssd.org. The planning and execution of this event by a dedicated team of volunteers was something to behold. I ended up looking like a bump on a log as the activities unfurled around me. Maybe in time I will be able to contribute something useful to this terrific group.

History to me was always something far away, it was about events that happened way before my time, and to people long gone or departed. But now with a group dedicated to telling our story, the Japanese American experience in the San Diego area, history becomes alive. Of course when you become a "Senior Citizen," you find yourself saying, "I was there" when the younger generation talks about ancient history. I can't help but think of myself as one of the younger people, only my age and health say otherwise.

On Sunday, October 27, 2002, the Ocean View United Church of Christ celebrated and honored the members who are 80+ years old. Of course, this was celebrated with a potluck luncheon. These eating events have really been outstanding, something for which Ocean View has received national and international recognition. However, following the feasting, we saw a slide show, which highlighted many of our most loyal and faithful members. What a memorable trip it was to relive some of the highlights in the life journeys of these friends. I kidded a few of the honorees by saying how handsome they used to be, especially James Matsumoto, who looks good now, but was a lady killer in his 442nd uniform during WWII. The program we enjoyed was really high tech and professional, thanks to the efforts of Rick and Sherry Kataoka. But they even went one step further and presented the church with a hard copy version of this presentation, so that others might also be able to share the moment and the memories. Of course I'm hoping that the JAHSSD will also be able to share some of these pictures and stories.

One of the things I am finding out is that a lot of what I thought was part of my personal family history is incorrect. You have to write down some things so that others, your family and friends, can have a chance to make corrections. Sometimes what you write about your family causes others to conduct their own research and add to the tale. It's also amazing how many facts can be buried, like skeletons in the closet, hidden from us for the sake of family honor. Luckily, so far I haven't found anything earth shattering or mind-blowing, but there are skeletons. Maybe someday I will get off my duff and share my family history, at least what I know about it. It has been interesting to me in that I can identify my Great, Great Grandfather who was in the United States in 1860 as an interpreter for Japan, and whose widow lived and died in San Francisco.

I invite you to come and join us at JAHSSD, and share with us your family history.



A MOMENT IN TIME: Classic Photos from the JAHSSD Archives

by Don Estes

Judging from the light and the shadows, it must have been a midmorning in the summer of 1914 when Mr. Kiichiro Sakai planted his camera on the east side of Cabrillo Canyon about a quarter of a mile south of the new bridge. Using his tripod, he carefully framed his shot, focused on the classical, almost mystical city rising on the opposite flank of the canyon, touched the shutter and captured a moment in time.

Kiichiro Sakai had arrived in San Diego County in 1912 to open a boarding house in what was then the heart of a growing Japanese enclave south of Market Street in downtown San Diego. At that time, there were perhaps 300 Japanese living in the city proper and 60 to 70 Nikkei businesses.

Mr. Sakai leased the building at 538 Fifth Avenue and proceeded to turn it into a boarding house with furnished rooms. In 1912, the Japanese population of San Diego was growing with many of the new arrivals motivated by the dream of making a financial stake from the opening of the Panama-California Exposition which was to be held on 400 acres of under-developed mesas in the city's Balboa Park.

As the community's leaders set about raising the required five million dollars, land was cleared and building begun. The centerpiece of the 1915 exposition was to be the California quadrangle which included the great domed State of California Building and its accompanying California Tower.

Entering the new city from the west, visitors to the Exposition had to cross an arched, gleaming white bridge of 1,505 feet spanning Cabrillo Canyon. Designed by Thomas B. Hunter, the bridge cost \$214,000 and was completed and opened on April 21, 1914.

On the far side of the bridge, arriving visitors would be treated to a stunning view of the Exposition buildings dominated by the domed State Building and the 200-ft. California Tower. The 1914 cost of the quadrangle was \$250,000 paid by the taxpayers of the State of California.

This was the scene that was framed by Kiichiro Sakai in the Summer of 1914. The flat runway of the bridge almost seems to be gliding across the photograph to a rendezvous with the Exposition's gateway. Below and to the right of the bridge can be seen some of the 100,000 seedling trees that were planted in holes that had to be literally drilled or blasted in the park's hard pan before they could be planted.

Also seen in Mr. Sakai's photo: the California Tower still under construction. But off to the left in what was then a designated park area—now the San Diego Zoo—is the already completed Exposition roller coaster.

The Panama-California Exposition opened at midnight on January 1, 1915, and remained open until midnight, January 1, 1917. Three months later, the United States was at war with the Central Powers.

Mr. Sakai continued to take photographs, perhaps not realizing he was the first of a line of Japanese photographers who would live and work in downtown San Diego. He disappears from local records in 1917 with the closing of the Exposition that probably brought him here in the first place. Part of his legacy to us and our city however, remains today in his work seen here. Through the medium of that work, we can all enjoy Mr. Sakai's moment in time.

Our special thanks to Mrs. Jane Yamaguchi Takeshita who contributed this photograph to our archives.

HIGHLIGHT ON OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

The JAHSSD Board is pleased to welcome two talented and personable new members who have stepped forward to help the Society with its ongoing mission.

Gwen Momita was born and raised on an Imperial Valley farm (the Shimamoto Brothers) and educated in San Diego. She is married to Duane Siefers and they have three children, Paul, Stacy, and Jessica, and a daughter-in-law, Linda.

Gwen graciously agreed to take over the Board's secretarial duties in Karen Kawasaki's absence. She is active at the Ocean View United Church of Christ, having served as moderator and on numerous boards. Gwen recently retired from teaching after 31 years in the classroom! She enjoys activities with her family, and she also loves shopping.

Noriko Inoue is the person who designed JAHSSD's distinctive membership brochure more than ten years ago while still a student. She recently joined the Society because she wants to learn more about local Nikkei history.

Born in Tokyo, Noriko grew up in Soka, Saitama Prefecture. She's very fond of California life and has lived in San Diego for the past 11 years.

Noriko has worked with computers and web design since 1996, and recently started her own company, Okiron Design. We are pleased to have such an experienced and knowledgeable person giving us guidance as we "go public" with our web site. Noriko also enjoys painting and cooking.

IN MEMORIAM

JAHSDD notes with great sadness the passing of San Diegans and former residents of our community. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends.

GEORGE AKIRA ONO ~ June 6, 2002
 MICHIKO KISHIMOTO ~ August 13, 2002
 FUJIKO TSUJIMURA ~ September 5, 2002
 VYVYANNE TERADA OWASHI ~ September 15, 2002
 FUMIKO SHIRONOSHITA ~ September 22, 2002
 YOSHIE YONEKURA ~ September 28, 2002
 SHU TAKEYAMA ~ October 4, 2002
 MASANORI "MARTIN" OSHIMA ~ October 7, 2002
 T. HELEN GOTO ~ October 12, 2002
 FLORENCE C. (FUNAKOSHI) UBA ~ October 15, 2002
 HARRY TAMOTSU KOWASE ~ October 25, 2002
 EMIKO DEITCH ~ October 27, 2002
 MIKI COTTON ~ November 13, 2002
 KIYOKO YAGISHITA JONES ~ Nov. 15, 2002
 GALEN HISAO FUJITANI ~ Nov. 17, 2002
 YOSHIHARU OKONOGI ~ Nov. 19, 2002
 TOSHIKO AGNES OGATA ~ Nov. 24, 2002
 MARY LOCKWOOD BATCHELDER ~ Nov. 21, 2002
 YOSHIE NAKASHIMA ~ Nov. 30, 2002

CAUGHT DOING SOMETHING NICE

As a Society, we are always grateful to our members and friends who see their way clear to help us in carrying out our mission to preserve all elements of Nikkei history here in San Diego. We would like to recognize and extend our gratitude for the contributions of the following individuals.

Our library/archive had a number of significant donations this past quarter. We want to recognize and thank Alice Matsumoto for donating a copy of the booklet, *Historical Narrative on the Crystal City Internment Camp*.

Also thanks to Tom Ozaki for the donation of a book on the World War II Canadian internment of our Nikkei neighbors to the north; and to Dr. Ruth Okimoto for copies of two journal articles on pre-World War II Nisei, "Miya Sannomiya Kikuchi: A Pioneer Nisei Woman's Life and Identity," and "Cheers for Japanese Athletes: The 1932 Los Angeles Olympics and the Japanese American Community."

Roy Muraoka donated a copy of "The San Diego Yokohama Sister City Society: A History of the Early Years," by William Scott Rhyne. Bill and Joyce Teague donated a copy of Gary Ono's documentary, *Calling Tokyo: Japanese American Broadcasters During World War II*.

We appreciate the donation of an original copy of a Seventh Grade Class photo taken at Poston, Camp III in 1942 or '43 by

Chiyo Hayakawa Masumoto. We also want to recognize Cookie Taniguchi for her donation of photos from our 2001 Annual Meeting. Thanks, Cookie!

A thank you to our President Vernon Yoshioka and his mother, Mrs. June Yoshioka of Hayward, California, for the donation of an apple lug box that has been in his family since 1940. The box, in excellent shape, still carries the label of the Wells and Wade Fruit Company, Wenatchee, Washington, Twin "WW" Brand of Red Delicious Apples. The lug box will fit right in with Frank Wada's reproduction of a Poston barracks room.

We also want to acknowledge the foresight and efforts of Tommy Yanagihara who was able to save the sign on the House of Japan that was part of cluster of cottages belonging to the House of Pacific Relations located in Balboa Park. A post-WW II gift of the City of Yokohama, the tea house was bulldozed out of existence in the year 2001 after 36 years of faithful service. Through Tommy's efforts, some of these historic artifacts have been saved from the city dump. From all of us, "Many thanks, Tommy."

Our gala Tenth Annual Meeting could not have been carried off in such good order without the help of many hands. JAHSDD would especially like to recognize the efforts of the following:

Jeanne Marumoto Elyea deserves our special appreciation for again taking on the responsibility of all the physical arrangements for the meeting. Jeanne and her crew of volunteers saw to the registration, the food, drink, and door prizes. Assisting were Linda Marumoto McLeMore, Allyne Marumoto Tachiki, Joyce Marumoto Kelly, Nancy Cowser, Mits Kawamoto, and Grace Tsuida. Backing up and filling in was Bill Elyea who has been providing unstinting support at all our functions for the last ten years. Thank you so much, Bill, for everything. You all made all our guests know how much we appreciate them.

One of the most popular spots at the meeting was our craft corner under the direction of Hisae Batchelder and her Number One saleslady, Justine Tachiki. Assisting Hisae was a group of talented and creative women who have come to call themselves the When's Lunch? Bunch. The "bunch" includes Hisae, Nancy Cowser, Jeanne Elyea, Naomi Himaka, Sakiko Kada, Mits Kawamoto, Gwen Momita, Grace Segawa, Masako Shima, Bubbles Shimazaki, Grace Tsuida, Ei Shimizu, and Kiyo Uda. Thanks to the crafts created by these super supportive women, the Society earned \$669.

Right next to the craft corner was our video and print tables. There, Debbie Kodama, daughter Jillian, Susan Hasegawa and Noriko Inoue sold \$230 worth of goods. Thank you, ladies.

If you were one of the many who enjoyed the cake at the Annual Meeting, LuAnn Lee was responsible for the dessert. LuAnn donated two delicious sheet cakes to our luncheon. A big thank you goes out to Tom and Sumi Yanagihara for the donation of the sago palm door prize. Also our grateful thanks once again to Keidan Floral Design's Naomi Himaka and her able crew, Mich Himaka and Sakiko Kada, for the tasteful table center pieces.

Again we are indebted to Minazaki-san of the Hillcrest Ichiban for his continued support of our organization by donating

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door prizes and working with us to keep the cost of the obento down, but the quality and quantity of the food high. Please show your thanks by supporting his restaurant.

This year's Society exhibit of art produced in camp was supplemented by loans from the private collections of the families of Mich and Naomi Himaka, Sakiko Kada, Alice and Ken Matsumoto, and Joyce and Bill Teague. We appreciate their willingness to assist the JAHSSD in this public presentation of camp art. Thank you all very much.

Of course, we can't forget the members of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego whose Board so graciously allowed us to utilize their great facility again this year for our Tenth Anniversary Meeting. Our thanks to all of them for their continued strong support of our organization.

We would also like to recognize all the members of the board of the JAHSSD who donated door prizes.

Finally, we would like to collectively express our gratitude to Consul of Japan Yuko Kaifu who keynoted our meeting. We have had many, many positive comments on both the presentation and content of Consul Kaifu's address, which dealt with contemporary visions and relations of Nikkeijin and Nihonjin as friends to friends.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Yukio Kawamoto, Membership Chair

A warm welcome to our new members: Mary (Sumiyoshi) Doi, Michael & Mary Inoue (Life Members), Michi Matsumoto Kondo, Gwen Momita & Duane Siefers (Life Members), Takenori Muraoka, Kazuko Pintang, Rev. Art & Kay Takemoto, Teresa (Terry) Thomas (Life Member), Steve & Aki Tomiyama, and Sachio & Irene Yamamoto. We are pleased to have all of you as members of our Society.

A big thank you to Midori Koga for providing the gift membership for Mary Doi and to Tami Satow for providing the gift membership for Michi Kondo.

We thank the following for renewing their memberships: Frank & Jean Boyd, Nancy Cowser, Kumao Estes, Matthew Estes, Sue Gerrish, Edythe Harada, Art & Judy Hibi, Don Hibi, Osao & Setsuko Himaka, Miki Honda, Ralph & Avis Honda, Grace Igasaki, Mary Iguchi, Miyoshi & Emi Ikeda, Chikaye Itami, Sakiko Kada, Yoshito & Marleen Kawahara, Toshiko Kawasaki, Eiji Kiya, Helen Kodani, Kikuye Koga, Roy Kusumoto, Shizue Maruyama, George & Chiyoko Masumoto, Masako Matsuhara, James Matsumoto, Ken & Akiko Matsumoto, Kiyo Matsumoto, Ray Mayeda, Linda McLemore, Chieko Moriyama, and Roy & Aiko Muraoka.

Also renewing their memberships: Kiyoshi Nakamura, Fred Nakatani, Richard and Susan Namba, Glenn & Keiko Negoro, Oliver & Michi Nishimura, Emiko Obayashi, Charles & Jane Ogino, Jean Okazaki, Michiko Okuma, Ford & Terri Omori, Shig Oto, Jiro Saito, Susumu & Tami Satow, Grace & Hiroshi

Sawasaki, George & Sakiko Sekiguchi, Laura Shimasaki, Robin Shimasaki, Yukiko Sugiyama, Kimiye Tachiki, Les & Allyne Tachiki, Chie Roxie Takehara, Jane Takeshita, Mitsue Tanaka, Mitsuo Tomita, Masayoshi & Grace Tsuida, Peggy Tsurudome, Shizu Watanabe, Sheila Yagura, Mitsuye Yamamoto, Eunice Yamane, Florence Yamashita, Shig & June Yamashita, James & Yuri Yamate, and Alice Yano.

A big thank you to Miki Honda for providing gift membership renewals for Ralph & Avis Honda and Ford & Terri Omori; and to Don & Carol Estes for providing gift membership renewals for Matthew Estes, Kumao Estes and George & Sakiko Sekiguchi.

IN GRATITUDE

The Membership and the Board of Directors of the JAHSSD gratefully acknowledge the following monetary donations to your Historical Society since our last newsletter.

If we have inadvertently omitted your donation, please accept our sincere apologies and notify our treasurer Bob Batchelder at (619) 421-6330.

Anonymous

Ms. Eiko Masuyama

Mr. Kiyoshi Nakamura

(in memory of Mrs. Mits Yoshioka)

Mrs. Joyce Teague

Mrs. Fran Wada

Rev. and Mrs. Jim Yanagihara



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CELEBRATIONS!

Community Milestones of Note

Society members **AKI** and **STEVEN TOMIYAMA** are happy to announce they have added more branches to their family tree. Grandson **THOMAS AKIRA TOMIYAMA** was born to **GARRICK** and **MEL TOMIYAMA** of Denver on November 6. Thomas tipped the scales at 9 lbs., 6 oz.

The champagne corks were popping again for Steve and Aki just two weeks later with the arrival of two more grandchildren: **JENNA SAYOKO** (5 lbs., 14 oz.) and **CHAD SENYO** (6 lbs., 14 oz.) were born November 21 to **BRIAN** and **LORIN SASAKI** of San Diego.

JEANIE KASHIMA is pleased to announce that her son **KENN KASHIMA** and **KAREN SAKAHARA** were wed in a beautiful ceremony November 23 at the Orange County Buddhist Temple. Revs. **AKIO MIYAJI** and **RUSSELL HAMADA** officiated. The couple resides in Los Angeles.

Congratulations to **JOSEPH HORIYE**, who was among three new members appointed to the Senior Affairs Advisory Board by Mayor **DICK MURPHY** in October. The Senior Affairs Advisory Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council on policy and issues relating to transportation, security at home, improved intergenerational interaction, meal delivery and housing for seniors. Joe is the development officer of the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at SDSU and an active member of several local Nikkei organizations.

ANDY LOWE was recently selected as one of PoliticalCircus.com's "Top 30 Under 30." Andy is the energetic co-founder and Artistic Director of the Asian American Repertory Theatre. You can read more about his honor at http://www.politicalcircus.com/archive/article_1021.shtml.

A big "shout out" to **ALAN NAKASHIMA**, who had two great reasons to celebrate Oct. 7: it was his 55th birthday as well as the day he retired after 38 years as a member of Retail Clerks Union Local 135. Al started as a box boy for Alpha Beta while a teenager at El Cajon High School and worked his way to produce trainer in his 24 years with the company. Due to mergers and store closings, Al changed companies several times after that; then in 1998 was hired by the Local 135 benefits department. Always a highly-regarded employee appreciated by his coworkers for his generosity, sense of humor, and upbeat attitude, Al enjoyed his in-office job helping members understand and make use of their benefits. He and **CHERRY**, his wife of 22 years, plan plenty of time with their two grandkids, travel, and remodeling a cabin they own in Julian.

Community Milestones of Note

If you or a family member are celebrating a special anniversary, achievement or milestone, please send us the details, and we will gladly share the news in an upcoming issue.

CHARTERED BUS BEING CONSIDERED FOR POSTON III REUNION

Is there enough interest in chartering a bus from San Diego to attend the Poston III Reunion scheduled March 24-26, 2003, at the Golden Nugget Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas?

The JAHSSD, through **Miki Honda**, is conducting a survey to determine if there is such an interest.

This trip will not be one of her already-scheduled trips for 2003. There are two options she is considering.

Option One is a package deal, which includes bus transportation and a room (double occupancy) for two nights at the Fremont Hotel, which is across the street and kitty-corner from the Golden Nugget where the reunion will take place. (We are unable to list the price of the Fremont package, but regulars who take the bus to Vegas with Miki know what it is.) Single occupancy will cost a little more. The package will *not* include the cost of the reunion activities, which are not available at press time.

Option Two is a bus transportation-only offer. Under this option, you will be making your own hotel arrangements, or with the Golden Nugget through the Poston III Reunion Committee. Miki says under this option, a full bus could cost less than usual. (Again, the price cannot be listed here but call Miki at the number listed below.)

A bus can accommodate about 50 people, first-come, first-served. Under either option, arrangements can be made so that bus riders can attend the customary "Sayonara Breakfast" meeting on the morning of the last day. Also, with either option and sufficient interest, a second bus could be arranged. The tentative time of departure would be 7:00 to 7:15 a.m.

Call Miki at (858) 278-4572 with your name, telephone number, and number of people in your party. Let her know if you prefer the package deal (Option One) or the bus-only option (Option Two) and she can get back to you with details we cannot publish here. Miki needs to know of your interest by February 15. If there is not enough interest, the whole thing is off.

If you have any general questions about the bus options, call Mich Himaka at (619) 660-9865.

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CHANKO-NABE

by Joyce Nabeta Teague

Gifts that Keep on Giving

It's year-end, and the holiday season is upon us: Thanksgiving, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, and the various religious observances in between reflecting the rich fabric of our community.

During this time, so many of the family traditions we cherish are once again brought out for display and sharing. Great-grandma's lacy hand-crocheted cloth that graces the dining table; the elegant old scroll from Jii-chan's side of the family, brought out once a year to hang in the living room to mark the new year; or the small glass dish the Teague siblings remember being filled with Grandma's watermelon pickles at Thanksgiving dinner. Every family has decorations or music or food or stories repeated year after year for the joy, pleasure, and memories they bring to the gathering.

Thanksgiving is the time to give thanks, right? And on Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ. And *Shogatsu*? Isn't it a time to SHO what you GATSU?

If you groaned yes, you are right. *Shogatsu*, or the beginning of the New Year, is a great time to empty the contents of your mental pockets or your psychological purse and see what you've been carrying around all year. If you don't need it any more, toss it. If you're glad to have it, shine it up and show it off. You know—SHO what you GATSU.

Same thing goes for holiday traditions. Some are treasures you want to carry over year after year. Others you may find have become burdensome over time and long to retire. And then there are the new ideas to try out to see if they "stick."

The Nabeta family always enjoys getting together for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but our most important holiday event has become January 1. That's because the first day of every year, my parents open their humble home to all and sundry. Extended family and their friends start arriving around noontime and soon spill onto the front porch and into the back yard. They crowd around the buffet table, exchange family stories and jokes, watch football, shoot pool, play video and board games, and leave in the evening with foil-wrapped plates of leftovers to enjoy the next day. What started off as a modest family gathering has grown exponentially as our nuclear family of seven has expanded.

There may have been some New Years when it was just *us* seated around the table laden with the special Japanese dishes called *setchi ryori* and toasting to the New Year with a *tokkuri* of warm sake, but I sure can't remember any. Soon after we moved to San Diego from Watsonville in 1960, there was always a guest or guests invited to eat with us.

These were usually friends with no other family in town, like ourselves. Henry Goto, who was my Dad's foreman when we first started farming here. Or war brides and their spouses who missed Japanese food, never having learned to cook it themselves. Or the aging childless couple we met at the fruit stand

who sort of "adopted" our entire family. Over the years, the day-long party has become an amalgam of family and these friendships all of us have made over time.

Mom spent many hours preparing the *setchi ryori*, including *zoni* (soup), *nishime* (stew), *tazukuri* (dried fish), *kuro mame* (black beans), *kimpira gobo* (burdock root), *renkon* (pickled lotus root), *kombu* (seaweed) rolled into a packet and tied with strip of white gourd cord, *yokan* (sweet bean jelly), and various kinds of sushi including my brother Fred's (and my) favorite, *saba* (mackerel). But there were the other things Mom cooked up because we dearly loved them, like *chashu* (Chinese-style pork), fried won ton with sweet-sour sauce, and teriyaki chicken. I don't think she made this many dishes at the beginning, but as my siblings and I got older and began inviting our hungry friends, she must have felt she needed to augment the exotic traditional fare.

Then there were the contributions brought by the regular guests. Soon they were among the dishes we all came to expect, like Yuki Wutzke's chicken pastry puffs; Carol Inouye's ambrosia and seven-layer jello; Nancy's teriyaki beef skewers; her brother-in-law John Rettig's spicy tamales; Mrs. Larson's apple cake; Betty Teague's jam tarts; or Sachi Nishida's colorfully-wrapped handmade caramels...

Of course, my mother no longer does all the preparation by herself. Now she gets help shopping and cooking and readying the house from all her kids, as well as from the various grandkids who are in and out of the house during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Still, it is a lot of work. Each year, as the days of preparation before and the labor during the New Year Open House threaten to outweigh the pleasure of hosting it, we consider scaling it down, moving it to another house, even shutting it down, and so on. Eventually, we must decide—consciously or unconsciously—what is worth perpetuating and what is expendable, and weigh the reasons for passing them on...or passing on them.

What we are doing, perhaps without realizing, is taking a gift from Mom and Dad and creating from it our own modest legacy of tradition before we in turn pass along to those around us. With the Nabeta *Shogatsu*, the gift is more than the special food that is laid out on the table and the labor of love that went into creating it. It is also the welcome and fellowship extended to those who have come to look forward to our version of a Japanese holiday, allowing them to derive as much pleasure from our family tradition as we experience in sharing it.

Here's to family gifts that keep on giving—the fond repetition of traditions we love and look forward to each year.

GRANDMA'S NEW YEAR FEAST

by Debra Kodama

When I was growing up, we would spend New Year's day at my "Mission Valley" Grandma's house. Never mind that by this time she had moved up the hill to Normal Heights. As a child, it was just easier to differentiate our grandmothers geographically. Mom's mom was "Downtown" Grandma. Guess where she lived?

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Anyway, Mission Valley Grandma was my father's mother, Misuye Segawa. She lived with my Auntie Mercy—Uncle George's widow—and some of their grown children. Going to their house for New Year's was always a love/hate event. I hated the smell of vinegar that emanated from the kitchen. However, I loved the sushi that the vinegar went into.

It wasn't until I was a teenager, probably 15 or 16, that I realized the food at Grandma's wasn't your typical Americana fare for this annual tradition. There was always sushi, makizushi and age sushi. If I was lucky, Grandma made her Korean style chow mein. Of course there was teriyaki chicken and lots of gohan. Usually, right next to the sushi was Auntie Mercy's handmade flour tortillas and frijoles. Then, some how, one of them had time to roast a turkey, complete with all the fixings and cook a ham. In later years, Auntie Mercy made the Ozoni. But, I liked her homemade tamales better. Of course, all the cooking had to be done before the Rose Bowl started. Grandma loved her football!

Now that both my grandmother and Auntie Mercy have passed on, we don't go to their house for New Year's. I miss MY traditional American New Year's feast.

Remind me some time to tell you about the fabulous Christmas dinner my mother made the first year my brother Eric came home for the holidays from the University of Penn. In true Segawa style, she made tacos!

THE SOUND OF FRIENDSHIP: Shelter Island's Friendship Bell

by Don Estes

Sounds, like smells, can jog one's memories. On December 31, 2001, Carol and I were in Kyoto to welcome in the Year of the Horse. Kyoto, as many know, is not only a city of temples and shrines, it is also a city of bells. Great bells that on December 31 fill the city with their deep booming resonance as they welcome in the time we call New Year's Eve and the Japanese call *Omisoka*.

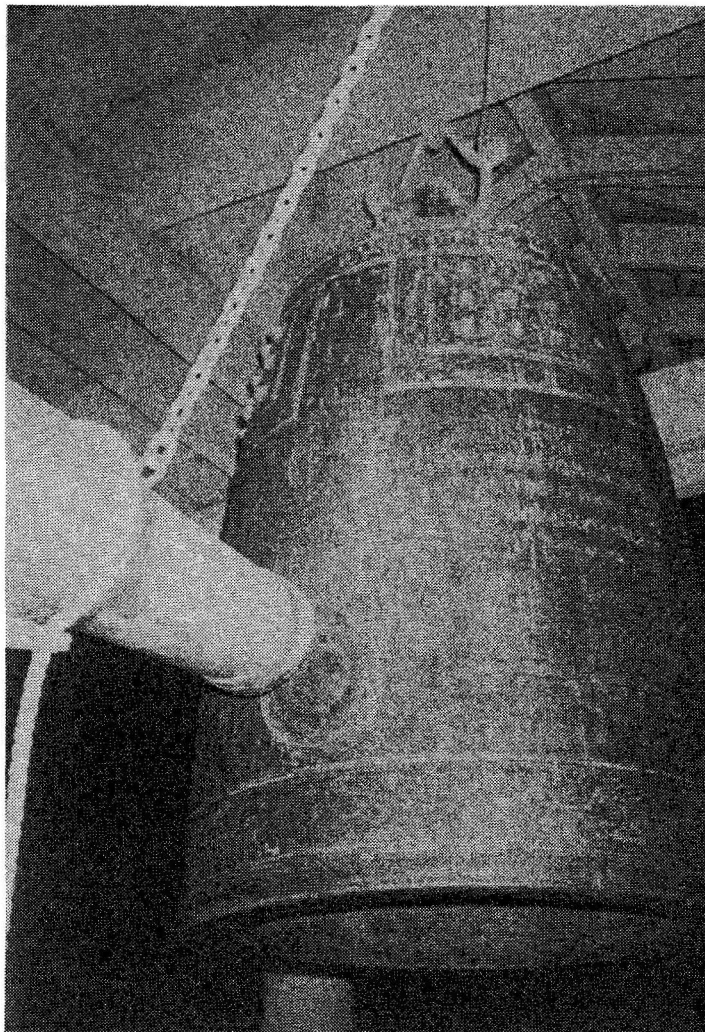
Temple bells all over Japan are rung at midnight to speed out the old year and welcome in the new year. These bells are rung 108 times marking the 108 worldly desires of humanity. It is believed in Buddhism that these desires will be removed by striking the New Year's bell.

Interestingly, for the last 42 years, we here in San Diego have been able to participate in this same time-honored ceremony. For our community, this part of the story began on December 11, 1960, when 200 people gathered at Shelter Island to dedicate San Diego's Yokohama Friendship Bell.

Our bell was the outgrowth of a post-World War II effort to bring the people of the United States closer to the rest of the world through direct people-to-people contacts. One part of this effort was the establishment of a Sister City program inaugurated in 1956 during the administration of President

Dwight D. Eisenhower.

San Diego was the first West Coast city to formalize such a relationship. From the very beginning and central to these efforts were the activities of Yokohama native and later San Diego resident, Saburo Muraoka. Muraoka had come to San Diego in 1916 as a *yobiyosei Issei* called to assist his father who was then farming in Chula Vista.



As the early efforts at establishing a reciprocal friendship evolved, one of the first tangible benefits for San Diego came on May 10, 1958, with the presentation of the six-foot, two-and-a-half ton bronze Yokohama Friendship Bell. Receiving the bell was a delegation visiting Yokohama headed by then mayor Charles C. Dail.

With the assistance of the U.S. Navy, the bell was shipped to San Diego aboard the destroyer tender *U.S.S. Prairie*. After a two-and-a-half year interval and several false starts, the bell was finally situated on the southwestern tip of Shelter Island in 1960.

Participating in the dedication by striking the newly installed bell were Bishop Reirin Yamada of Los Angeles, Reverend Giko Yamamoto of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego, and Saburo Muraoka. The tolling of the bell was recorded and rebroadcast in Japan as part of that country's 1961 New Year programming. In the intervening 42 years, several generations of San Diegans have made it part of their New Year tradition to be at Shelter Island for the tolling of the Yokohama Friendship Bell.

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Oh, did I mention the noodles? It is also a tradition in Japan to eat *toshioshi soba* (also known as "year-crossing noodles") while listening to the sound of the bells speeding out the old year. Soba noodles are eaten on New Year's Eve with a wish for good health and a long life.

So even if you can't be in Kyoto for the celebration of the New Year, you can hear the same comforting, resonating boom of a Japanese bell welcoming not only the New Year but proclaiming the friendship between two cities and two peoples. Not a bad way to start a new year when you think about it.

Contributing to this story were Mich Himaka, Ralph Honda, Roy Muraoka, and Joyce Teague.

SHELTER ISLAND BELL-RINGING TRADITION ATTRACTS MANY

by Joyce Teague

The tradition of the ringing a huge temple bell on the Eve of the New Year is a Buddhist ritual which seems to resonate in all who participate in it. This may explain the increasing number of people who forgo watching the Times Square "dropping ball" countdown on television, or who pass on the chance to clink champagne glasses at a noisy party so that they may be at the Shelter Island Friendship Bell on the last moments of the outgoing year and the break of the New Year. People of all faiths show up at the bell each year whether the event is publicized or not.

Surrounded by a little moat, the bell tower is not accessible to the public for most of the year. But each December 31, the Buddhist Temple of San Diego has permission from the City to put down a ramp, connect a rope to the striker log, and conduct the bell-ringing ceremony at the site. A diverse crowd, which varies annually from dozens to hundreds of people, listens to a brief history of the Yokohama Friendship Bell, offers fragrant incense as the Buddhist minister chants sutras, then awaits a chance to ring the bell.

Crossing the ramp to climb the steps to the bell tower, kids as well as adults take turns approaching the huge bell, and grasping and swinging the rope which guides a length of wooden log against the large bell. If your swing is strong and the log hits the bell just right, you are rewarded with a deep and resounding gong which supposedly assures you of a "clean slate" for the next 365 days.

On December 31, San Diegans are once again invited by the Buddhist Temple to participate in this annual tradition carried over from Japan to our fair city.

The bell is located at the very end of Shelter Island Drive. Dress warmly and plan to be there by 11:30 p.m. when the ceremony is slated to begin. The bell-ringing is a satisfying way to "ring out the old and ring in the new." Afterwards as the crowd disperses, you may be treated to the sight of fireworks from downtown across the Bay.

DAN KIDA NAMED TO SJSU SPORTS HALL OF FAME

by Mich Himaka

Congratulations to Dan Kida, who this year was named to San Jose State University's Sports Hall of Fame as its first two-time wrestling All American in 1973-74.

Dan, husband of Linda Kida and son of Satoshi and Momo Kida of Spring Valley, currently coaches the Steele Canyon High School wrestling team in El Cajon in addition to working with computers.

According to the SJSU publication, *Washington Square*, Dan placed fourth in 1973 and fifth in 1974 at the NCAA Championships in the 118-pound class. Placing in the top six guarantees All-American status.

Dan also represented the United States at the 1977 Pan American Games in Mexico where he placed second in the Greco Roman style competition.

Dan was one of nine former SJSU athletes inducted in the university's Sports Hall of Fame as its Class of 2002.

"It's a privilege. I'm honored," Dan told the *Washington Square* of his selection.

"Don't ask me if I weigh 118 now. I'm bigger-boned," he added, tongue-in-cheek.

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HARRY KOWASE: AN APPRECIATION

On Oct. 25, 2002, San Diego native and friend to numerous San Diegans Harry Tamotsu Kowase passed away. The Rev. Dr. Yoshi Kaneda delivered a moving tribute to the late Mr. Kowase. A number of Harry's old friends and acquaintances, including his army veteran friend Min Sakamoto and long-time friend Moto Asakawa offered testimony on how they remembered him. The following is an edited excerpt of his personal history with additional notes by Mich Himaka.

Harry was born June 8, 1919, to Mr. and Mrs. Gitaro Kowase in San Diego. He was delivered by a midwife, Mrs. Obayashi. His father was a fisherman and the family lived in a section of San Diego Nikkei called "Hokkaido," located near the Westgate Seafood Cannery.

Harry attended Washington Elementary School, Memorial Junior High and San Diego High School before the family moved to the Point Loma area where his father worked as a gardener on the large Sefton family estate. He graduated from Point Loma High School.

On Oct. 21, 1941, Harry was drafted into the army, almost two months before the outbreak of World War II. He later was assigned to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which went on to become the most decorated unit of its size in army history. Harry was wounded during the rescue of Texas' "Lost Battalion."

(In the autumn of 1944, during fierce fighting in the Vosges Mountains of eastern France, the 141st Infantry, 1st Battalion of Texas National Guard's 36th Division was cut off from the rest of its unit. After six days without food or water and running low on ammunition, the 442nd RCT was sent in to save the "Lost Battalion." After several days of combat, during which the 442nd suffered more injuries than the number of men they rescued, the rescue was completed.)

After serving more than four years with the army, Harry was honorably discharged on Dec. 6, 1945. He and his parents returned to San Diego. Harry started working for Mr. Koike in maintenance gardening. He met Mariko Nakaji in 1946 and on Jan. 4, 1947, they were married. On Jan. 25, 1949, the Kowases were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Donna.

Harry semi-retired at the age of 65 but he still enjoyed going out each day and visiting with his many friends and customers—some of whom had employed him for 30 to 45 years. He enjoyed bowling, especially with the JACL Bowling League. For many years, he also bowled in a traveling league. He often joked that Donna was almost born at the old Pacific Recreation Bowling Alley during one of his games.

An avid fisherman, Harry went fishing whenever he could. He looked forward to going deep-sea fishing each summer during the albacore season. He continued long-range fishing with his friend, Terry Koike, often making five- to ten-day fishing trips. He gave up fishing when he developed arthritis and carpal tunnel syndrome in his wrists.

Harry was a very casual, laid-back individual, a happy person who did not like dressing up. He was happiest wearing T-shirts and shorts to dinner.

Harry became ill Oct. 20 and was under care in the ICU section of Scripps Green Hospital where he passed away on the evening of October 25. He will be missed.

JOURNEY TO THE UNITED STATES:

The Akiji Watanabe Story, Part II

by Fran Wada

With this issue, we continue the serialized story of pioneer San Diego Issei Akiji Watanabe, researched and written by his daughter Frances Watanabe Wada of Seattle. We thank Fran for her permission to reproduce her father's story for our readers.

Akiji Watanabe was born on September 1, 1888, on Sado Island, Niigata Prefecture, the eldest of five children born to Jisaku and Shu Watanabe, who were farmers. I could find no information about his youth except that he was a studious young man and did well in school, graduating from Sado Island High School on March 27, 1907.

Immediately following his graduation, my father applied for a passport to America, but it was denied. Undaunted by the first refusal he persevered in his efforts to gain the government's approval.

It might be noted here that sons of the wealthy who were encouraged to go abroad for study and to learn Western ways, readily obtained the government's approval and their passports. The approval however, came with the expectation that they would return to Japan to help with the modernization of their country. Young men from poorer families, like my father, encountered difficulty in obtaining the necessary papers that would enable their passage to America.

In April 1907, my father traveled to Tokyo to enlist the help of several people connected with the Nippon Rikkokai, a Christian group which had helped many young people get to America. I believe it was at this time my father became a Christian. While in Tokyo, he enrolled in Nippon University but at the same time continued to make application for a passport. Three more times he received notices of rejection. As a last resort, he filed a request for passage to England, wondering if that might open doors for him.

Finally, on April 1, 1908, my father received word from the Tokyo Municipal Office that his passport application had been approved. How elated and relieved he must have felt at the good news. His passenger slip indicates he was traveling as a student to London via San Francisco.

I would expect that my father left the Port of Yokohama on June 3, 1908, an excited man. I wonder though, if he might have had some second thoughts, too. After all, he was the eldest son who, in Japanese tradition, was destined to carry on the responsibilities of the family and care for his parents when they grew old. Instead, he was leaving his family to go off to a distant land. Did he leave with the approval of his parents? Was his intention to earn money to send back to the family, as was the case with many impoverished Japanese farming families? These questions I'm afraid must remain unanswered.

Nevertheless, I'm sure that my father was grateful for this chance to see a new land; to experience different customs and expand his knowledge of the world. Still young at the age of 19,

my father no doubt had the benefit of that naiveté that often comes with youth and results in them not being encumbered by the questions and doubts which often hinder us as we become older. Especially when it comes to taking those big steps into the unknown that may be fraught with danger and disappointment. As his ship, the S.S. Mongolia, pushed further into the Pacific Ocean, my father must have been filled with excitement, opti-



Akira Watanabe poses with his new bicycle at the original site of the Ocean View Church in 1911. The signs painted on the windows read, "Night School" and "Congregational Church Japanese Reading Room"

mism and a youthful sense of adventure.

On June 13, he landed in Honolulu and toured the Island of Oahu in the company of some American ladies he met aboard the ship. Based on this fact, I think it is fair to assume that he had a reasonably good grasp of the English language. I'm likewise sure this chance encounter with these kind ladies further convinced him of the correctness of his decision to go to America.

On June 20, he reached San Francisco and passed through the immigration point with no difficulty.

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Dear Members of the JAHSSD Board,

When I first heard of my receiving a Kansha Award, I was really surprised, almost shocked. I and Yuri really are honored and appreciate the Award.

I could not have served or participated on those community organizations, including my church, for many years without the support and approval of first of all my wife and my friends in the community.

Thank you very much for the honor.

Sincerely,
James Yamate
Chula Vista

Dear Don,

Thank you very much for a very warm hospitality that you accorded to me last Saturday. I am pleased to know that people did not find my talk boring at least. The audience was very nice, intelligent and warm-hearted that I thoroughly enjoyed talking with them before, during and after my remarks. It was particularly a pleasant surprise to find that many non-Japanese Americans and non-Japanese are very active participants of the Society, which is rare in the JA organizations in LA. It clearly shows that your Society is not self-contained but is open-ended and therefore is very positive and promising.

I also thank you for the tickets to Legoland. My children had a full one day there and enjoyed the place to the fullest. I walked around the park after I joined them and found it very amusing both to children and adults.

Mr. Oikawa, the driver, took care of the glass flowers and took them to my office. It is in my office currently, and I am planning to take it home when we move later in November. Thank you very much for the beautiful artcraft, which will remind me of my pleasant visit to San Diego every time I look at it.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,
Yuko



Carol and Don Estes with Annual Meeting keynote speaker, Mrs. Yuko Kaifu (center), Office of the Consul General of Japan at Los Angeles

MORE LETTERS

Dear Yuki,

Mary Sumiyoshi Doi lived in Mission Valley before the war, and we would visit them often, they would give us vegetables they grew! I can still picture Miyeko and Mary tying spinach out in the field, a backbreaking job on your knee...

When I read Chieko Moriyama's article on Mission Valley, it brought back many happy memories of our visits, going past the Nakagawa and Hosaka farms to get to Mary's place! I asked her if she received your newsletter and she said no...I sent her the Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Summer 2002 & Fall 2002 issues! If you have any other extra issues, would you sent it to her—I'm sure she'll appreciate it. Thank you!

Hi to everyone,
Midori Koga
Parlier, California

Dear Yukio,

Thank you for sending the JAHSSD membership card and the back copies of the quarterly newsletters. I am enjoying the newsletters immensely. I especially enjoyed your articles in one of the back issues about Nihon Gakko. What amazes me as that you and the other writers have such good memories! I have trouble remembering what happened last week, never mind 50 plus years ago!

I really appreciate Midori's thoughtfulness and generosity. She has been my "link" to San Diego.

Thank you for remembering me. I did not go to Camp III (I was in Camp I in Poston). Please convey my regards to your sisters and Chieko. I really enjoyed her article about Mission Valley.

Take care,
Mary (Sumiyoshi) Doi
San Juan Capistrano, California

Hello Everybody,

I hope you are all well. I was in my local Arrocha (the local equivalent of Savon) and couldn't help but notice all the Christmas decor. The Panamanians do not celebrate Thanksgiving, but it seems they have the same commercial enthusiasm for Christmas as they do in the States. It made me nostalgic for home and friends and family. It will be very strange to spend the holidays away from home for the very first time in my life. My principal has invited the overseas staff to his house for Thanksgiving dinner next week. Also, the seniors have also invited the senior teachers to one of their homes for a Thanksgiving Eve dinner.

My kitten got neutered last week, then developed an infection and a fever. She spend almost all this week at the veterinarian's office. It was so sad to visit her every day when she looked so weak and pitiful. Luckily she is feeling better now. It was quite a trying and expensive week. The staff at the vet's office was so kind to her. One of the ladies at the vet's office speaks English, so she was giving me lots of advice about living

in Panama. She even took me aside one day and warned me, "There are no good men in Panama, but HE is single, *hee hee* (pointing to the vet)." The doctor went to veterinary school in Poland, so he speaks Spanish and Polish, but no English. For those of you who are wondering, the answer is (unfortunately) no, I have not met any *hombres calientes* here (at least none my age).



Karen Kawasaki (right) with fellow teachers at her Panamanian school's 20th Anniversary gala

I have been driving for almost two weeks, and I am proud to say I haven't hit anything. It hasn't been as scary as I thought it would be. I think four months of taxi rides put fear into my head. Still, when I get back to the states I hope that I won't be a horribly obnoxious driver. I was telling some people at work the other day that I don't feel bad anymore when I cut people off or when people honk their horns at me because I sometimes come to a complete stop at the stop signs. Oh yeah, the speed bumps here are HUGE, and the Panamanians call them *Policia Muertos* (dead police).

I miss all of you, and hope to see you in another seven months (or sooner if you come visit me—hint, hint). Happy Thanksgiving.

Abrazos,
Karen

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you because I know you share my concerns for our San Diego community and its welfare. JACL has a membership drive in progress. Please join me in recruiting a relative or friend to support the civil and human rights work of JACL by becoming a member. JACL cannot continue to exist and defend our rights without a membership base. Please ask others to support us with their membership.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to you.

With warm regards,
David Kawamoto
National JACL Vice President
San Diego Chapter of the JACL

MORE LETTERS

Dear JAHSSD,

Hi, my name is Russell Ozawa and I am the President of UCSD Nikkei Student Union.

I am emailing you to inform you of our annual Day of Remembrance which will take place in February 2003. The tentative date is February 5, 2003; however we are trying hard to push it closer towards the actual Day of Remembrance, 2/19. Due to scheduling conflicts with the university, this may not be possible. Regardless of the date, we will be hosting this annual event next February.

This year's event was a huge success, and we anticipate next year's to be even bigger! This year we had three guest speakers, Hayao Shishino, an interned JA; Floe, a radical poet; and Daren Mooko, Director of Asian American Resource Center of Pomona College.

We also had a small taiko demonstration, a bone marrow drive, exhibits, a BBQ fundraiser with proceeds going to the Little Tokyo Rec Center, and various Japanese American organizations on hand.

We plan for next year's Day of Remembrance to be similar. However, we want to get the community more involved. We are hoping to get the media more involved next year in hopes of better educating the community.

Our goal, as NSU, is to come together and as a group make a positive impact on the campus and community. We will strive to do this by means of service to them while educating them about Japanese culture and history. We are the only Japanese American interest organization at UCSD and we have a member base of 150 members.

I am cordially inviting the JAHSSD to our Day of Remembrance 2003. Hopefully you will be interested in holding an info table at our event as well. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Russell Ozawa, President
Nikkei Student Union
University of California, San Diego
rozawa@ucsd.edu

Dear Joyce,

Mike and I went up to Bishop [last September] and camped for three nights at Lake Sabrina. On the way, we stopped at Manzanar and drove through the self-guiding tour. From your column in the newsletter that you sent to Cousin Bill I went to the website for the Ansel Adams pictures of the place and what a difference that makes. Just being there, even with the signs marking where things were, is not the same as seeing those incredible pictures.

The physical place has an eeriness all its own just because of where it is, but to see the faces of the people and the homes they made is a lesson in humility and the strength of character that saw people through the experience.

Vanessa Kibbe
Tujunga, California



Above: Internees leave church in one of over 200 photographic images taken at Manzanar by Ansel Adams in 1943, which he donated to the Library of Congress in the 1960s. All are available for viewing at <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aamhtml/>. Also included are digital images of the first edition of Born Free and Equal which was based on his work at Manzanar.



Harry and Nita Hasegawa, owners of JAHSSD Corporate Sponsor HASEGAWA'S GENERAL STORE which is located in Hana, Maui, Hawaii. The Hasegawas were enjoying Southern California last September visiting their daughters, Susan and Kelly.

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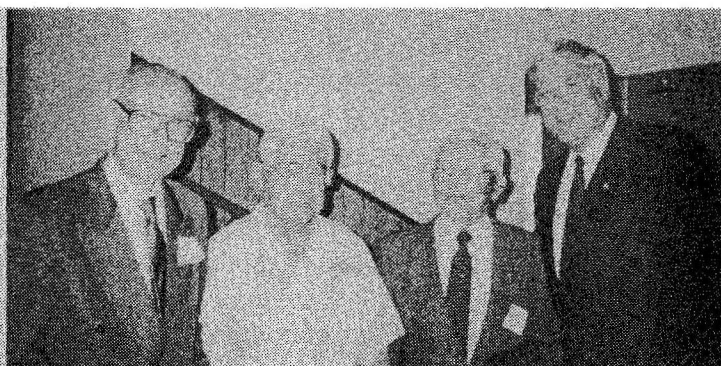
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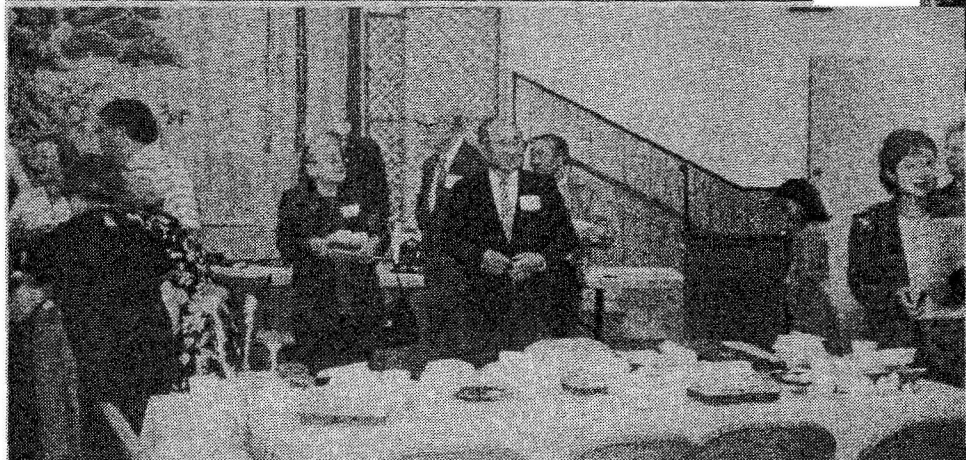
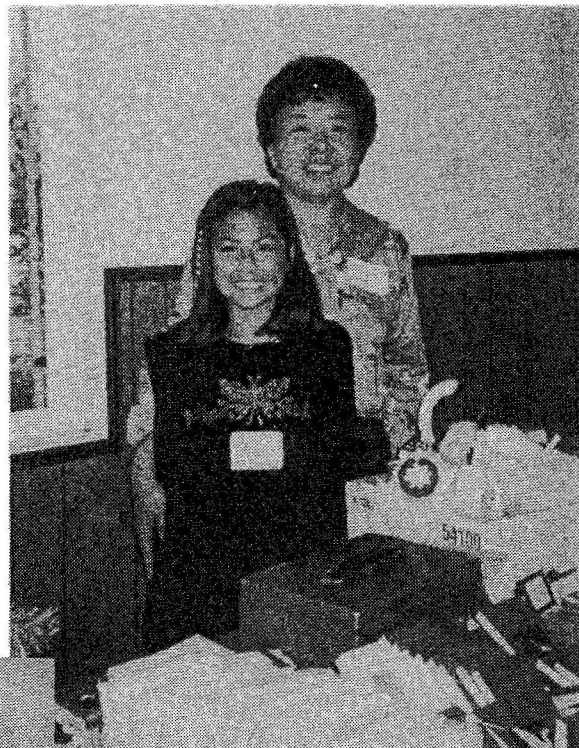


*Left: Dr. Randall Phillips and his son and daughter are introduced by Don Estes
Above: The Kansha Award recipients receive commendations from Sup. Greg Cox
Below: Bob Batchelder presents plaque to James Yamate as Mrs. Yamate looks on*

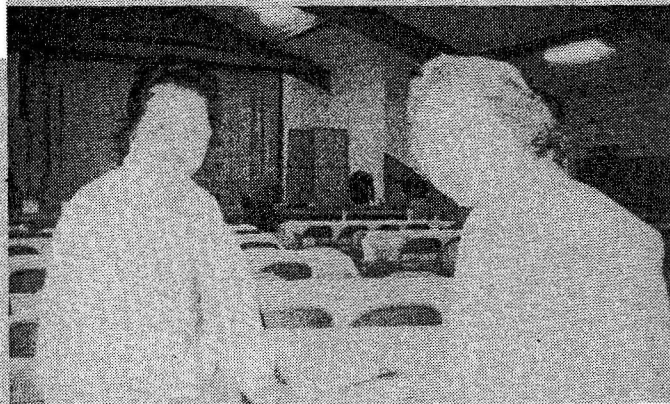
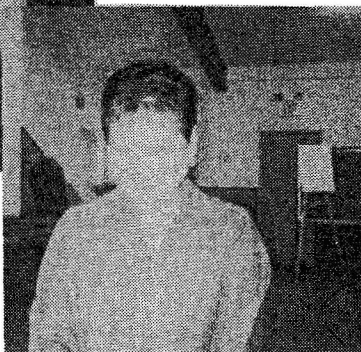
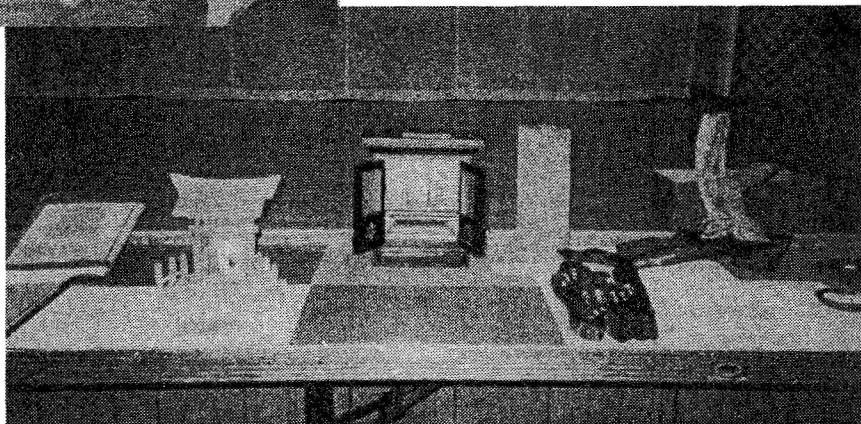


Above: Masami Honda shown with proud family and friends after receiving the Kansha Award; Right: Mich Himaka and Bill Elyea check on the bento crew, Jeanne Elyea and Naomi Himaka, to see if they can sneak a pre-lunch tidbit, but no such luck!; Below: San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox presents framed County proclamation to President Vernon Yoshioka; Below right: Florence Yamashita, a member since JAHSSD's inaugural year, waits for the program to begin





Upper left: Randall Phillips and Yuko Kaifu (keynote speaker) pose with Carol, Mary Ann, and Dr. Phillips' daughter; Above: Hisae Batchelder and Justine Tachiki; Left: Attendees mingle before the meeting is called to order; Below: part of the Beauty and Barbed Wire exhibit; Below left: Mich Himaka with Rev. Jim and Patsy Yanagihara; Bottom right and center: Helpers Extraordinaire Nancy Cowser, Shinobu Yoshioka and Mits Kawamoto





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October 10, 2002

It is a great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all who have gathered to celebrate the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego's 10th Anniversary.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a valuable part of the unique diversity that defines the Golden State. Throughout California's history, the Japanese American community has made innumerable contributions and will continue to play an integral role in the decades ahead.

On behalf of the people of California, I extend best wishes for a successful event.

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In recognition of your continuing commitment to develop and foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the Japanese culture in San Diego.

The heritage of our community is rich and vibrant. San Diego is filled with diversity of family histories, personal struggles and cultural influences. From our earliest days, the Japanese community has been an integral part of our identity and history. Your efforts to enhance our awareness and recognition of the Japanese culture and its many contributions, enrich us all.

Please accept my personal gratitude for your dedication, and my best wishes for continuing success in the future.

Dick Murphy
DICK MURPHY
MAYOR

October 12, 2002



When thinking of gifts this holiday season,
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Support your Society's ongoing efforts
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Congratulations, JAHSSD

During this joyous holiday season,
we look back at the past year with thanksgiving for our blessings,
and look forward with faith and hope that 2003
will be filled with peace and good health for all.

Our best wishes to the
Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego
for ten years of invaluable contributions to our community.
By preserving our past, you guarantee our history
will be remembered for generations to come.

Ben & Grace Segawa

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*Remembering Our Heritage,
We Wish One and All a Joyous Holiday Season
in Memory of:*

MR. and MRS. CHOSUKE HIMAKA

MR. and MRS. TOYOTARO OKAMOTO

MR. CARL K. KADA

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*Mich, Naomi, Keith and Dan Himaka
and Sakiko Kada*

**H A P P Y
H O L I D A Y S !**

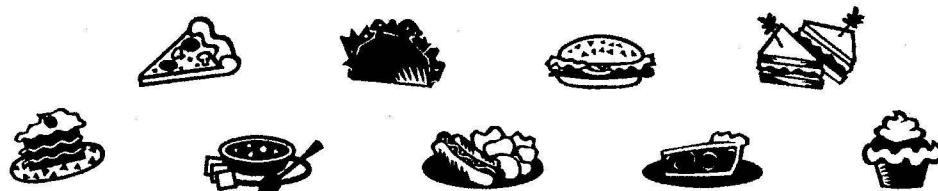


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HAPPY HOLIDAY EATING

from the

WHEN'S LUNCH? BUNCH



Hisae Batchelder ♦ Nancy Cowser ♦ Jeanne Elyea
Naomi Himaka ♦ Sakiko Kada
Mits Kawamoto ♦ Gwen Momita ♦ Grace Segawa
Masako Shima ♦ Bubbles Shimasaki
Emi Shimizu ♦ Grace Tsuida ♦ Kiyo Uda

**We would like to wish all our friends
a special holiday greeting.**

Also we congratulate JAHSSD on their 10th Anniversary.



**We wish everyone good health and happiness
as we start another year.**

H A P P Y H O L I D A Y S !

John & Tsune Hashiguchi



As we enter the Year of the Sheep

We wish you all

Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

Please remember always,

Ninjo ni kokkyo nashi

There are no boundaries to kindness

Carol, Don, Matthew, and Kumao

SEASONS GREETING

We wish you every happiness, good fortune and,
most of all, a healthy and fruitful year.

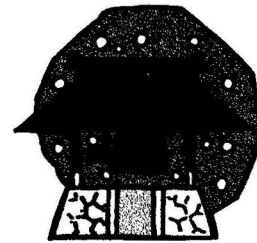
In memory of our father, grandpa, great-grandpa,
Kikuichi "Windy" Marumoto,
and in honor of our mother, grandma, and great-grandma,
Mary Sumiko Marumoto.

Bill, Jeanne, William, Michael,
John, Breezi and Charlee Elyea
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Justine Tachiki and Joe Tritcher III
Linda and Roger McLemore
Joyce, Tom, Tanya, Jimmy, Amy
and Nathaniel Kelly
Steven, Andrew and Mathew Marumoto

*We wish you
good health and happiness
in this holiday season
and the coming year*



*Yuki and Mits
Kawamoto*



*Out with the old year,
In with the new:
The horses make way
For the ram and the ewe!*

Peace and Prosperity in the Coming Year

The Nabeta Clan:

Fred & Ritsu Nabeta ♦ Fred M. Nabeta
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Ken, Janice, Bryan, Kimi & Jennifer Schell
Daniel, Nancy & Isaac Martinez
Craig, Jeanne, Brandon & Derek Inouye

*We wish you
every joy in 2003*



*In memory of our father
and grandfather
KEN HAMAGUCHI*

*and
in honor of
SATOSHI and MOMOYE KIDA*

*~ Danny, Linda, Bryan
& Randall Kida*



**SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL
and may 2003**

**bring everyone much happiness,
good health and prosperity
throughout the year!**



**Mich, Naomi, Keith
and Daniel Himaka**



May your Holidays
be merry



and your New Year



be healthy and prosperous!

Gwen Momita
Duane Siefers



HAPPY

HOLIDAYS!



*Bob and Hisae
Batchelder*



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO
OREO BATCHELDER
(AKA MISS KITTY)**



**FROM YOUR FRIEND,
JUSTINE TACHIKI**

THANK YOU, JAHSSD

For a Decade of Dedication
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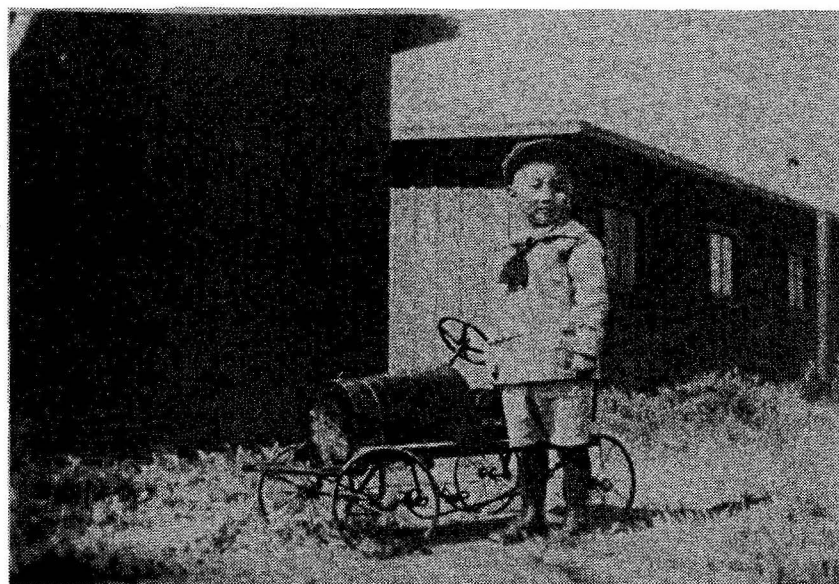


Mutsue and Ritsu Uyeno, 1933

Joyce and Bill Teague ☸

*The Japanese American Historical Society
of San Diego*

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FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT
OF OUR MISSION TO:



Young boy with toy, San Diego, year unknown

Preserve Our Past

Educate the Present



Secure Our Future

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR TO ALL!

JAHSSD'S WEB SITE GOES PUBLIC!

by Susan Hasegawa

We have entered the new millennium with our very own internet web site. Check out the brand-new JAHSSD web page at www.jahssd.org!!!! If you don't have a computer, get your children or your grandchildren to take you on a virtual tour of Nikkei agriculture.

The Resources page features lug labels of major farm families in San Diego including the Nakagawas, Yamamotos, Yanos, and Yamates. The colorful artwork of the Itami and Iguchi farms are just a few of the long-time agriculturalists highlighted.

The home page features a bird carving created in camp in 1943 by Reverend Guzei Nishii of the Buddhist Temple of San Diego. Images from the 2002 Annual Meeting are some of the latest additions on the Events page. Webmaster Noriko Inoue has been working hard to create a one-stop resource for local Nikkei history.

Future exhibits will include articles on local Japanese American history, more images from our archives, and more resources for teachers. Let us know what you want to see in cyberspace by sending us your comments through the Contact Us page.

The web site is a resource we expect to continue building to serve the interests of both our membership and those who want to learn more about our community. We certainly welcome and can use your suggestions and ideas on what you'd like to see posted.

Finally, you can easily "Link to Us" from the Contact Us page. Just follow the directions on how to put the JAHSSD icon on your own web page, allowing you to easily check up on us any time with just a click of the mouse.

ASIAN-INTEREST NEWSPAPER DEBUTS IN SAN DIEGO

A brand-new bi-weekly local newspaper aimed at the diverse English-speaking Asian community launched last month.

"ASIA: The Journal of Culture and Commerce" seeks to reach the 15% of San Diego County residents who claim descent from or interest in one or another Asian or Pacific Islander ethnicity, including Eastern Indian. Although there are already dozens of newspapers and magazines printed in various languages serving these communities, ASIA hopes to appeal to the increasingly affluent segment of these populations which converses and conducts business in English. They hope this group will see the advantage of a "one-stop" bi-weekly which covers all Asian interests in greater San Diego.

Editor Len Novarro is a former *San Diego Union-Tribune* writer who has joined co-publisher Rosalynn Carmen and a diverse team of young and veteran journalists to create a paper for and about a segment of San Diego they believe has been "under-promoted, under-voiced and under-represented" by the traditional media.

ASIA attempts to cover global news as well as highlight local businesses, politics, high tech, fashion, food, education, science, health, arts, entertainment and culture.

Each issue highlights local organizations such as our own. In fact, the issue currently on the stands contains a profile of JAHSSD, its past and recent achievements, and contact information.

ASIA is available free every other Friday at 250 locations throughout the County. Call the newspaper for the location nearest you.

If you wish to publicize an event of interest or advertise a service to the greater Asian community, you can send the information to: Asia Media Inc., 2652 Fourth Ave., 2nd Floor, San Diego, CA 92103; or send e-mail to editorial@asiamediasandiego.com. They can also be reached by phone (619/294-9164) or fax (619/233-0304).

Their website (still under construction) is at www.asiamediasandiego.com.

FROM THE "WAY BACK" FILES...

Sixty-eight years ago, the Rafu Shimpō reported the following:

SAN DIEGO (Friday, Oct. 12, 1934) — Realizing the hope of many years, three San Diego County Japanese farm groups—Vista Farm Association, Solana Beach-Encinitas Farm Association and the San Diego County Vegetable Growers Association—in order to strengthen the position of Japanese farmers, met recently to form the Federated Farm Association of San Diego.

Representatives said the union was formed to facilitate regulatory measures to adjust the acreage, production, marketing and shipping of farm products under one unit standard in order to maintain a reasonable price level.

The new group will be connected with the Cooperative Farm Industry in Los Angeles to consult on all phases of marketing problems.

Johichi Tsunada was elected president; Ichiji Tateishi and Ganji Miyata, vice presidents; Riichi Kushino and Jinpei Imaizumi, treasurers; Toshio Shioka, Hidejiro Yamamoto, Yasujiro Murakami, and Masato Tanida, auditors.

JACL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE JANUARY

The Japanese American Citizens League has announced it is accepting scholarship applications for the 2003 cycle of its national program. Interested students should go to the JACL website, www.jacl.org/scholarships.html, for eligibility and application information. A number of scholarships include those for high school seniors, college, and graduate students.

Questions regarding the scholarship submission process can be addressed to Vice President of General Operations David Kawamoto at vpoperations@jacl.org.

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