Ambassador Fujisaki Visits the JCCCW

On Thursday, September 16th, JCCCW was happy to host the Japanese Ambassador to the United States Ichiro Fujisaki who took time out of his Seattle visit to take a tour of the Cultural Center campus. Ambassador Fujisaki’s tour included the Japanese Language School, NW Nikkei Museum, Japanese Language Library, the Hyogo Business and Cultural Center headquarters and gallery, Budokan Judo Dojo, taiko practice studio and the photo exhibit “Made In Minidoka”. The Ambassador was impressed by the effort shown by the community to preserve and promote Japanese and Japanese American heritage, culture and history at the JCCCW and discovered a surprising personal connection to the Cultural Center. JCCCW has in its possession calligraphy written by Ambassador Fujisaki’s great-great grandfather Hirobumi Ito, the first Prime Minister of Japan.

Bunka no Hi November 7th!

Mark your calendars! JCCCW’s 5th annual Bunka No Hi (Culture Day) is set for Sunday November 7th from 1-5 pm at the Cultural Center. This annual event is a celebration of Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage and will be filled with performances, cultural demonstrations, games and other activities. Bunka no Hi is a true community wide event and there will be booths and informational displays from a variety of local vendors and non profit organizations. No matter where your interests lie Bunka no Hi will have something for you! So please come visit the JCCCW on November 7th and see all of the programs, classes and other community opportunities that the Cultural Center offers. For more information about Bunka no Hi contact the JCCCW at Admin@JCCCW.org
A Letter from Board President Lori Matsukawa: Looking Ahead

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center is open for business – the business of sharing and promoting Japanese and Japanese American heritage and culture. Whether it’s taking a Japanese language lesson, a taiko or martial arts class, tracking family genealogy, documenting family history or learning to cook traditional foods, things are popping! As we grow, we are building and remodeling to meet the growing demand for programming space. And we also hold activities out in the community. Three events are coming up that we hope you’ll put on your calendar. Bunka no Hi 2010 will take place on Sunday, November 7th from 1pm – 5pm at the JCCCW (1414 S. Weller Street). Bunka no Hi (Culture Day) is JCCCW’s premier cultural and community event that attracts hundreds of patrons from all throughout the Greater Seattle area and this year’s is projected to be bigger and better then ever. The free family Mochitsuki will be held Thursday December 30, 2010 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Nisei Vets Hall (1212 S. King Street in Seattle). Mochitsuki Master Shoichi Sugiyama will dazzle and entertain you with the traditional kine and usu. There will also be an opportunity to make your own mochi using machines. Our Tomodachi Luncheon will be held April 1, 2011 at the Seattle Westin. Our Tomodachi Award winner is actor George Takei, who has agreed to come to accept his award and share some words of wisdom from “Star Trek” and “Heroes.” Come and enjoy YOUR Japanese Cultural and Community Center!

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Japan. Hirobumi donated the calligraphy to the Seattle Japanese Language School during his visit to Seattle in 1901 and the JCCCW acquired it during its merger with JLS. The calligraphy, entitled “Ishi Dojin Tengai Hirin” which translated into English means “Strive For Brotherhood Among All Mankind”, was painstakingly restored in 2008 and 2009 and is now currently on display at the JCCCW in Building 1.

After his tour of the Cultural Center a reception was held in his honor co-sponsored by the JCCCW and Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee at the NVC Veterans Hall. The reception featured leaders from Seattle’s Japanese and Japanese American communities including JCCCW Board President Lori Matsukawa and NVC Commander Keith Yamuguchi. Ambassador Fujisaki gave a short speech where he talked about his unique relationship to the Seattle area and Japan’s historic connection with the United States where he expressed hope that the special relationship of goodwill and friendship will continue on for many generations to come.

The JCCCW shares the Ambassador’s desire to perpetuate ties of goodwill between the United States and Japan and his visit to the JCCCW is emblematic of the international and intergenerational space that the JCCCW is creating in the Seattle area. The JCCCW would like to thank Ambassador Fujisaki for visiting the Cultural Center and offer an open invitation to return some time in the near future.
A Letter from the CEO

It’s been a great summer of for the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington! In June we won a $75,000 grant – the fourth highest total awarded – from the competitive $1 million Partners in Preservation grant program for noteworthy historic sites in Puget Sound, sponsored by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We were honored to be one of the 11 historic sites out of 25 finalists to win a major award. Thank you to everyone who voted for us during the intense month-long competition!

The grant will go toward restoring the main entry façade of our National Historic Register buildings by replacing the existing asbestos, vinyl siding and windows with more historically accurate and energy efficient wood siding and windows, representing just some of the many improvements getting underway next summer to restore and renovate interior spaces, make our main building more accessible to people with disabilities, create additional parking and more.

Also enjoying some improvements is our Japanese Language Library (Nikkei Bunko), now open 5 days a week, Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm, made possible from a generous grant from the Atsuhiko & Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation. Thank you!

The NW Nikkei Museum wrapped up the well-received “Seattle Collects: 1,000 Kokeshi!” (actually more like 1,700, but who’s counting?) wooden doll exhibit and we’ve just opened a wonderful new exhibit on local Japanese restaurants and Japanese American history, including video interviews with some local folks that you just might know. Don’t miss it!

We had our most successful Rummage Sale ever, hosted an unforgettable visit from Japanese Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki, co-sponsored with the Minidoka Pilgrimage Committee the powerful black-and-white photo exhibit “Made in Minidoka” and welcomed hundreds of people through our doors who enjoyed the many programs and events outlined in this newsletter.

Thank you for your support, and hope to see you at Bunka no Hi and Mochitsuki!
Minidoka Pilgrimage

From June 24th to June 27th, more than 150 people from all over the United States made the journey to Twin Falls Idaho to participate in the 2010 Minidoka Pilgrimage. The Minidoka Pilgrimage is an annual event that gives pilgrims the opportunity to share memories, ask questions and preserve the heritage of the Minidoka Concentration Camp experience.

This year marked the first time that the Minidoka Pilgrimage partnered with the Civil Liberties Symposium sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho. Currently in its fifth year, the Civil Liberties Symposium focuses on civil liberties issues relating to Japanese American Incarceration and consists of series of presentations by college professors, academics and social justice and civil liberties advocates. Entitled “Civil Liberties and the Arts”, this year’s symposium featured a number of different artists, filmmakers and authors. Pilgrimage participants were able to attend the second day of the symposium on June 25th which included presentations by Seattle area natives Roger Shimomura and Larry Matsuda; Jeanne Wakatsuki-Houston, author of Farewell to Manzanar; and Mira Nakashima, daughter of acclaimed artist George Nakashima.

Pilgrimage participants visited the Minidoka National Historic site and walked on the very ground where the Minidoka Concentration Camp once stood. They were also able to hear from Superintendent Wendy Jansen who talked about the upcoming renovations and additions to the site which will make it more visible and add to the considerable history already present.

Ample time was given for former incarceratedees to share their stories and for everyone to discuss the importance of preserving the historical legacy of Japanese American Incarceration, and the relevance that it continues to have today in light of the discrimination that all communities of color continue to face.

While the pilgrimage is devoted to remembering Japanese American Incarceration and the injustices that occurred at the Minidoka Concentration Camp, it is also a unique opportunity for building community and fellowship amongst pilgrims. The 2010 Pilgrimage featured lively performances by Portland Taiko, the Ukulele group from Nikkei Horizons as well as a Karaoke night and Tanko Bushi dance. Throughout the pilgrimage there was a tremendous outpouring of emotions, support and everyone was touched by the proceedings. For more information about the Minidoka Pilgrimage please visit www.minidokapilgrimage.org.

Upcoming Event

Omoide Community Forum: The Shin Issei – 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm October 16th, 2010

On October 16th the Omoide Project will continue its popular community forum series focusing on the experiences of the Shin Issei. This community forum will tackle the unique experiences of Japanese Nationals who immigrated to the United States after 1965. The forum will be held at the JCCCW located at 1414 S. Weller St and will go from 1 PM-3 PM.
2010 Community Rummage Sale a Success!

On July 10th JCCCW held its 3rd annual Community Rummage Sale at the Cultural Center and we are happy to report that it was an overwhelming success! Through the sale the Cultural Center was able to raise $11,600 making the 2010 Community Rummage Sale the most successful to date. We were touched by the generous show of community support we received as over 170 Yoisho! Volunteers and other community members turned out to support the JCCCW. A tremendous amount of work went into planning, organizing and staffing the event and we were fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers. All of their hard work helped to ensure that on the day of the sale shoppers found great deals on a wide variety of goods ranging from Japanese antiques to sports equipment.

The 2010 Community Rummage Sale was an opportunity for the entire community to come together. The enormous level of local participation, volunteerism and fellowship is what really made the event special and is emblematic of the inclusive, community oriented space that the JCCCW is trying to build. Once again we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers, donors, and shoppers for helping to make the 2010 Community Rummage Sale a great success. Please plan on joining us for our 4th annual Community Rummage Sale, July 9th, 2011! You can begin now by saving your reusable items to donate for this event. We look forward to you joining us and helping to build a stronger more cohesive community.

JCS Donates $50,000 to JCCCW

As a show of community and generational support Japanese Community Service of Seattle (JCS) has donated $50,000 to the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington, becoming the JCCCW’s newest Founding Family. JCS’s Founding Family donation honors the names and memories of all past and present presidents of the JCS. The JCS is one of the oldest Japanese organizations in the Pacific Northwest with 100 years of history and a deep legacy within the community making its donation to the JCCCW especially meaningful. “The generous donation from the JCS was a delightful surprise”, said JCCCW President Lori Matsukawa. “We are humbled by this vote of confidence from the longtime caretakers of the Japanese Language School. We cannot and will not let them down.”

“Now that the merger (between the Nikkei Heritage Association of Washington and the Japanese Language School) is complete (to create JCCCW), the only thing the JCS thought about was how to show our full support and to make sure that the project is successful,” said JCS President Tsutomu Tomai Sasaki at the JCCCW June Board Meeting. “We have been watching and evaluating how new CEO Clarence Moriwaki has stepped in and taken charge. We are very comfortable with his ability to follow through and the board’s leadership, and therefore we are committing basically 100% of our savings to fund this project.” Sasaki hopes that the JCS’s public show of support for the JCCCW will inspire other Nikkei and Japanese organizations to contribute to and work with the Cultural Center.
First Annual Kodomo no Hi

Droves of children and families from throughout the Greater Seattle Area turned out for the JCCCW’s first ever Kodomo no Hi (Children’s Day) held on May 1st and 2nd at the Cultural Center. Youth had the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun activities and demonstrations, including Koinoburi and Yoroi making, Go, Judo and Taiko. Kodomo no Hi was fun for the whole family and exemplified the JCCCW’s multicultural and intergenerational mission of preserving and promoting Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage for future generations. Both Kodomo no Hi and the JCCCW were featured prominently in the May 2nd 2010 issue of the Seattle Times. None of this would have been possible without the tireless work of the JCCCW’s Yoisho! Volunteers who spent countless hours setting up for the event, staffing activities and providing logistical support.

Kodomo no Hi was originally planned as a one time only event however due to its popularity and the overwhelmingly positive feedback that we received from the community it will now be held annually on the first weekend in May. Next year’s Kodomo no Hi will take place on May 7th and 8th and will be even better with more activities, games and events for the whole family. Mark your calendars now!

Keep Up to Date with the JCCCW!

The JCCCW’s print newsletter is just one of the many ways that you can stay up to date with what is going on at the JCCCW. The JCCCW has a monthly E-Newsletter and both Japanese and English language Facebook pages making it easy to find out what events and activities are going on at the Cultural Center. To sign up for our E-News send an email to admin@jccw.org and ask to be put on our mailing list or find us on Facebook by searching for JCCCW.

Programming at the JCCCW

While we are planning and building toward the future JCCCW is currently fully operational right now and sponsors a whole host of different cultural programs, classes, workshops and clubs suitable for any interest, experience level or age group. Come down to the JCCCW any night of the week and you may (or may not) be surprised to find taiko practice, Judo class and a variety of different club meetings all taking place at once. Organized around the five organizational pillars - community gathering place - multicultural education and language, Nikkei heritage, arts and culture and international exchange, the programs, classes, workshops and clubs offered at the Cultural Center all work to facilitate the JCCCW’s mission of preserving, promoting and sharing Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage while creating a strong cohesive community here in the Pacific Northwest. If you are interested in any of our different program offerings please don’t hesitate to contact us at admin@jccw.org to sign up, get more information or to get involved.
Community Gathering Place

The Japanese Community and Cultural Center of Washington is committed to creating a strong Japanese and Japanese American community and building a central gathering place where people from all over the state can come together to share and partake in Japanese and Japanese American heritage and culture.

Yoisho! Volunteer Program

Want to become more involved with the JCCCW? Then why not sign up to become a Yoisho! Volunteer?! The goal of the Yoisho! Volunteer Program is to foster volunteerism and leadership in the community by directly involving community members in the Cultural Center project. Yoisho! Volunteers play an invaluable role at the JCCCW donating their time and expertise to provide support for programs and events at the Cultural Center. Our volunteers come from various backgrounds but all are dedicated to the JCCCW’s mission of promoting and sharing Japanese and Japanese American history and culture.

We are currently looking for Yoisho! Volunteers for our community wide Bunka no Hi (Culture Day) event on November 7th so if you want to get involved in at the JCCCW and become part of the Yoisho! Volunteer Program please visit our website to register online (www.jcccw.org). You can also call (206) 568-7114, or email us at admin@jcccw.org and let us know what your interests and skills are.

Ganbaru Internship Program

JCCCW is happy to offer its Ganbaru Internship Program to college students or recent college graduates. Ganbaru gives interns the opportunity to work with the JCCCW in a more involved way; working closely with our staff to coordinate and implement many of the different projects and programs at the JCCCW. The program is designed to give interns valuable work experience and acquire meaningful skills that will help them in their future careers while simultaneously making an important contribution to the JCCCW.

The JCCCW is currently looking for current college students and recent college graduates to fill its Ganbaru Internship Program for the 2010-2011 school year. Interns should be able to commit at least 10 hours a week. If you or someone you know would like to make a positive contribution to the JCCCW while gaining marketable skills and experience contact Program Director Bif Brigman at bif@jcccw.org.
Multicultural Education and Language

As we live and work in multi-cultural environments, JCCCW believes that it is important to encourage and foster understanding and appreciation of different cultures. Through its programs JCCCW provides opportunities to study, understand, and enjoy Japanese and Japanese American culture and traditions and promotes multicultural education and language as a means to facilitate cultural understanding and international goodwill.

Nikkei Bunko Japanese Language Library

Starting in October the Nikkei Bunko Japanese Language Library will feature expanded hours of operation. Due to popular demand the Nikkei Bunko will be open from 10 am - 2pm Tuesday through Saturday to give the public more access to its unique resources. The JCCCW's Nikkei Bunko Japanese Language Library is one of the only dedicated Japanese language libraries in the Pacific Northwest and is stocked with 9,000 different Japanese language books, magazines and other written materials. From adult literary classics to children's picture books and comics Nikkei Bunko has something for every interest or reading level. Looking for something new to read? Want to know if Nikkei Bunko carries your favorite manga series? You can browse Nikkei Bunko’s catalog online at http://nikkeibunko.jcccw.org. The Nikkei Bunko Japanese Language Library is located at the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington (1414 S. Weller St.) so come down and visit today!

Seattle Japanese Language School

On September 11th Seattle Japanese Language School kicked off its 2010-2011 school year with about 100 students enrolled for Saturday kids classes. On November 6th JLS is having an open house from 9 am – 11:30 am at the JCCCW. The open house will allow the parents and community members to sit in on JLS classes, meet with teachers and hear from a special guest speaker.

A new series of adult evening classes will be starting the week of October 25th. All adult classes are 8 week sessions, meeting one day a week for two hours; from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Class levels range from Beginner I to Intermediate. The current class schedule will be:

Beginner I: October 28 - December 16 (Thursdays)
Intermediate II: October 26 - December 14 (Tuesdays)

Tuition is $120. To sign up call (206)-323-0250 during business hours or email JLS head of school Machiko Wada (machikow@jcccw.org).

Upcoming Event

JCCCW Mochitsuki -- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm December 30th, 2010

Come partake in a Japanese New Years tradition with the JCCCW. on Thursday December 30, 2010 from 11 to 3 at the Nisei Vets Hall (1212 S. King Street in Seattle). Mochitsuki Master Shoichi Sugiyama will teach you how to pound mochi with the traditional kine and usu and there will also be an opportunity to make your own mochi using machines. Mochizuki is a fun event for the whole family so come join the JCCCW and celebrate this New Years tradition.
**JCCCW English Language Resource Center**

The JCCCW is happy to announce the opening of the English Language Resource Center to the public. Located in the Japanese Language School front office the JCCCW’s English Language Resource Center is a library of English language books and other written materials that cover a wide variety of topics surrounding Japanese and Japanese American heritage and culture. From scholarly works on modern Japanese economics to cookbooks and instructional guides the English Language Resource Center covers it all. Formerly the Resource Center was not open to the public however thanks to the hard work of volunteers and interns it will finally be ready to open its doors on October 4th. Resource Center hours will be from 6 pm - 8:30 pm Monday through Thursday. Policy and procedures for a checkout system are currently being developed so for the time being sources will only be available to patrons on site. For more information, visit www.JCCCW.org or call (206) 568-7114.

**Japanese Conversation Club**

Want an opportunity to practice your new Japanese language skills outside the classroom? Want to share your love of the Japanese language with other like minded people? JCCCW’s Japanese Conversation Club allows Japanese speakers to come together and sharpen their conversational Japanese skills. Whether you are learning Japanese and want to gain more practical speaking experience or you are an experienced speaker that wants to shake off some of the rust, the JCCCW’s Japanese Conversation Club has something to offer you. The club meets every Thursday at the JCCCW (1414 S. Weller St) from 6pm-8pm in the lounge and discusses a variety of topics including current events, Japanese culture, sports, literate and much more. If you are interested in participating in the Japanese Conversation Club contact George Lauer at Georgel@jcccw.org.

**An nai Cultural Education and Docent Program**

An nai is the JCCCW’s educational outreach and docent program that gives student groups the opportunity to visit the Cultural Center in order to learn more about Japanese and Japanese American heritage and culture. Students learn in a hands on way participating in a variety of cultural arts classes and programs including cooking, calligraphy, dance, singing, origami and much more. An nai is led by community docents who are eager to pass on their knowledge of Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage to the next generation.

If you know of a student group who might be interested in visiting the Cultural Center or want to participate in the An nai program as a community docent please contact the JCCCW at admin@jcccw.org.
Nikkei Heritage

The Japanese American Community has a rich history here in the Pacific Northwest that spans over a century and includes the experiences of all generations. The JCCCW believes that all Issei, Nisei, Sansei, Yosei, Gosei and Shin Issei have something important to contribute to the historical legacy of the community. In recognition of this, the JCCCW is staunchly dedicated to preserving Japanese American history and heritage by honoring the contributions and experiences of all generations.

Northwest Nikkei Museum

Today Japanese food is everywhere in Seattle with kaiten sushi restaurants, teriyaki shops, or izakayas on almost every street corner. While we often take the availability of yakisoba, gyoza and ramen for granted, the current popularity of Japanese cuisine in the Pacific Northwest can be attributed to the contributions of early Japanese American restaurants. Many of these eateries were based in the Japanese American community, their influence extended much further as they fundamentally transformed the culinary landscape of the Greater Seattle area.

Starting in November the NW Nikkei Museum will showcase the history of Pacific Northwest Japanese Restaurants and the impact that they have made on the culture and history of the Greater Seattle area. Notable restaurants featured in the show will include Bush Garden, Maneki, Tenkatsu and many more so please come visit the NW Nikkei Museum and see this exciting new exhibit for yourself.

NW Nikkei Museum is dedicated to preserving the heritage and history of the Pacific Northwest’s Nikkei community. Run and operated by the community the NW Nikkei Museum gives the Japanese American community an opportunity to write and record its history in its own words to pass on to future generations. The NW Nikkei Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 am- 5 pm. For more information about the new show or about the museum itself contact the JCCCW at Admin@JCCCW.org or call (206) 568-7114.

Omoide Project

The Omoide Project is a Japanese American heritage program run through the JCCCW dedicated to preserving the history and experiences of the Seattle area Nikkei Community. Omoide has published five volumes of personal short stories comprised of childhood recollections of the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans, two of which (Omoide IV and Omoide V) are available for purchase at the JCCCW. In addition to its publishing effort Omoide also conducts quarterly community forums that serve to preserve the collective memory of the Seattle area Nikkei community by allowing elders to share their stories and experiences with present and future generations. The Omoide Project is also heavily involved in educating today’s youth giving presentations on the history and issues surrounding Japanese American internment to elementary, middle and high school students throughout King, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

To schedule a presentation for your school or class or for more information about the Omoide Project please contact the JCCCW office at admin@jcccw.org or call (206) 568-7114.
Nikkei Genealogy Workshop

While it may be cliché the old saw “if you want to know where you are going you have to know where you have been” still rings true. Learning about the history of our ancestors can help us to contextualize and better understand our own lives and provide inspiration for what we may do in the future. Each of our family members has a unique story that can tell us something valuable about our families and ourselves.

In that spirit the JCCCW is happy to offer Nikkei Genealogy Workshops to help community members research their family's history. These workshops will give you the basic skills and tools to dig deep into government immigration records, census data, passenger ship manifests and incarceration camp documentation to help you paint a better picture of your family’s past. Participants in past Nikkei Genealogy Workshops have been amazed at the information that they have been able to gather. Each shred of information no matter how seemingly insignificant can lead to a long lost family member, unique family story or other breakthrough that can change how you view your family’s past.

The last Nikkei Genealogy Workshop just wrapped up but another will be starting again soon. Contact the JCCCW at Admin@JCCCW.org for more information.

Project Community! Youth Leadership Program

On Sunday July 18th, the JCCCW's youth leadership program Project: Community! had its first annual graduation ceremony at the Cultural Center. The program was geared toward high school students and focused on developing self identity, creating awareness of the issues affecting Japanese America and increasing youth leadership within the Nikkei community. Around thirty members of the community turned out to support the inaugural class. The graduation program included introductory speeches from JCCCW CEO Clarence Moriwaki and JCCCW Board President Lori Matsukawa but the real highlight was hearing from the graduates themselves. All five graduates of Project: Community! spoke at length about the ways that the program helped them to develop a greater sense of their Japanese American identity and allowed them to build community and fellowship with other Japanese American youth. The graduates all felt that they took away something valuable from Project: Community!.

The graduates also presented their final project, a canvas modeled after the patchwork stage curtain that hung from the old Nippon Kan Theater. Each panel on the canvas was drawn by one of the graduates and represented a certain part of the International District/Nihonmachi. The graduates generously donated their final project to the JCCCW where it will hang for display to the public. All five students received diplomas certifying completion of the Project: Community! program as well as gifts including signed copies of Roger Shimomura’s Yellow Terror catalog. After the graduation program concluded there was a potluck reception and a good time was had by all in attendance. The JCCCW would like to thank the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the JACL, Karen Yoshitomi, Karen Akada, Roger Shimomura, Uncle Bob Santos, InterIm, Idea Space, Panama Hotel and Tea House and Jonathan Chan for their generous contributions of time and support to the Project: Community! program.
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Project: Community! is the JCCCW’s exciting youth leadership program produced in partnership with the Japanese American Citizens League PNW. The goal of Project: Community! is to educate and empower the next generation by developing self identity, creating awareness of Japanese American issues and increasing youth leadership within the Nikkei community. Students have the opportunity to work with each other and participate in a series of hands on sessions, field trips and special activities. While the first class has graduated another one will be starting during the first quarter of 2011. To keep up to date with Project: Community! visit jcccw.org or find us on Facebook by searching for “Project: Community! Seattle”. If you or someone you know is interested or would be interested in participating in the next class please contact us at admin@jcccw.org.

Mosaic Mixed Heritage Group

Census data shows that the Japanese American community is one of the most dynamic and vibrant communities of color in the United States and it continues to expand and diversify with each proceeding generation. Consequently the JCCCW is happy to offer the Mosaic Mixed Heritage Group, an affinity group devoted to discussing and celebrating the multiethnic and multicultural experience. Mosaic meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30 at the JCCCW. The first meeting of the month is primarily discussion oriented and tackles a variety of different topics related to the multiethnic experience while the second is usually a social event of some sort such as a potluck, dinner outing or movie. The Mosaic Mixed Heritage Group is an inclusive group and all are welcome so if you are interested in joining please come to one of our meetings and celebrate the diversity of the Nikkei Community!

For more information about the Mosaic Mixed Heritage Group please contact the office at Admin@JCCCW.org or find us on Facebook by searching “Mosaic at JCCCW”

WANTED

GANBARU STUDENT INTERN: The JCCCW is looking for Ganbaru Student Interns to fill a variety of positions at the Cultural Center during the Fall semester. Depending on their interests and skill set Ganbaru Student Interns work closely with JCCCW staff in a variety of roles including program and event coordination and implementation, non profit management, volunteer coordination, communications, as well as general administrative duties and other tasks. During their internship with the JCCCW student interns gain valuable work experience and acquire meaningful skills that will help them in their future careers while simultaneously making an important contribution to the JCCCW. If you or someone you know is interested in working with the JCCCW in the following capacities or just generally interested in volunteering at the Cultural Center please contact the office at Admin@JCCCW.org or call (206) 568-7114.
Interested in taking up a new hobby? Why not come down to the JCCCW and take one of the many cultural arts classes that are currently available? JCCCW is happy to provide excellent Taiko, Judo and Karate instruction at the Cultural Center during the week. The JCCCW is committed to promoting and sharing Japanese and Japanese American culture here in the Pacific Northwest and has partnered with some of the most respected community organizations in their respective fields to offer these classes in order to insure a high level of professionalism and authentic instruction. New cultural arts classes are currently in the works so stay tuned for updates and more information. The JCCCW is here to serve the community so if you would like to see a new class let us know by contacting the office at Admin@JCCCW.org.

Karate with Tom Tanaka

The JCCCW in partnership with Seattle Seido Karate offers karate classes every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Cultural Center. Kids classes (ages 6-8) are from 5-5:45 pm, youth classes (ages 9-12) are from 5:45-6:30 pm and adult classes are from 6:30-7:30 pm. Head instructor Tom Tanaka is a distinguished karate practitioner with thirty years of teaching experience. Sensei Tanaka teaches Seido Juku Karate a traditional Japanese style of Karate-Do that emphasizes personal development and meditation in a graded series of promotions of increasing skill and complexity. In addition to his many years of experience, Sensei Tanaka has a unique and personable teaching style that has made him beloved by his students and contributes to an atmosphere of respect and dedication. The JCCCW is happy to partner with Seattle Seido Karate and Sensei Tanaka to offer quality instruction to the community.

Want to enroll in Tom Tanaka’s Karate class? New student tuition rate is only $50! For existing students, tuition is $100 per person for the 8-week course. Tuition must be paid by the first week of class. To sign up online visit http://jcccw.org/Karate-Registration.html or contact the JCCCW at admin@jcccw.org for more information.

Ringtaro and the School of Taiko

Professional taiko drummers Ringtaro and Asako Tateishi are teaching classes at JCCCW as instructors of the School of Taiko. Classes will be held on Fridays and anyone above the age of 6 is welcome to join and learn Taiko drumming! Both Ringtaro and Asako are skilled in many Japanese instruments and excited to share their passion and culture with everyone. Please contact them at japantaiko@gmail.com.

One World Taiko

One World Taiko presents a contemporary style of Japanese drumming that incorporates dynamic and fluid movement as well as heart pounding percussion. They incorporate traditional pieces with original compositions infused with jazz and world rhythms, resulting in the unique style of One World Taiko. For class information contact: oneworldtaiko@earthlink.net/www.oneworldtaiko.com

Judo with Budokan Dojo

Founded in 1968 Budokan Dojo is the premier Judo dojo in the Seattle area with a history of producing top level athletes, coaches and referees. Many of its coaches are active international and national level competitors with years of teaching and tournament experience. Judo is a fantastic sport and martial art for all ages and Budokan Dojo has classes for both kids and adults. Whether you are interested in getting a great workout, competing at the local club level or aspire to be an elite competitive player Budokan Dojo has something to offer you.

Registration and membership are very affordable. The Budokan Dojo is located in building 2 (the eastern most building) of the Japanese Culture Community Center (JCCCW). Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. For more detailed scheduling information please visit their website at www.budokanjudoseattle.com.
Volunteers Wanted

BUNKA NO HI VOLUNTEERS: Bunka no Hi is JCCCW’s biggest annual event with hundreds of participants and dozens of activities, games, cultural performances and booths for different community organizations and small businesses. We are actively seeking volunteers to staff the event to make sure that Bunka no Hi 2010 is the most successful one yet! Bunka no Hi 2010 is on Sunday November 7th from 1 - 5pm but volunteers will be needed to help set up and organize the event as well so if you can’t make it on the day of you can still pitch in and help out. No matter your age, interest or talent the JCCCW can use your help!

BILINGUAL LIBRARY ASSISTANT: The Bunka no Hi Japanese Language Library is in the process of expanding its hours and is in need of a Bilingual Library Assistant on Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm. The Bilingual Library Assistant must be able to speak and read Japanese at a high level and will be responsible for stocking shelves, working with volunteers and greeting and assisting patrons.

If you or someone you know is interested in working with the JCCCW in the following capacities or just generally interested in volunteering at the Cultural Center please contact the office at Admin@JCCCW.org or call (206) 568-7114.

International Exchange

The JCCCW represents a diverse constituency including both the Japanese National and Japanese American communities equally. In order to bring together the whole community JCCCW has made international exchange a major pillar of its programming efforts. While Japanese and Japanese Americans may have different experiences and backgrounds the JCCCW believes that a greater understanding and friendship can be achieved between the two communities through direct person to person cultural exchange and interaction. The JCCCW seeks to build community Japanese Nationals and Japanese Americans through community wide events, social gatherings, community partnerships and international student internships and hosting visits.
Yuji’s Omusubi

On August 28th the JCCCW, in partnership with the Hyogo Business and Cultural Center (HBCC), held its first Yuji’s Omusubi event at the Cultural Center. While many people know that Omusubi are Japanese rice balls, few know that the name Omusubi is derived from the Japanese word musubu which means to connect or bring together. In that spirit the mission of Yuji’s Omusubi is to bring Japanese and Japanese American college students and young professionals together to exchange culture, create fellowship and enhance the relationship between these two groups with shared heritage. The first Yuji’s Omusubi event consisted of a cooking class which featured both traditional Japanese as well as Japanese American foods such as Onigiri (Rice Balls), Spam-musubi, Somen (Cold Noodles) and Asian Salad. The event was filled to capacity with thirty Japanese and Japanese Americans participating in the cooking class and social mixer. Everyone in attendance enjoyed learning new recipes, eating great food, meeting new friends and coming together to create community.

Yuji’s Omusubi was originally conceived by former HBCC intern Yuji Sasagaki who came to the United States with the hope of meeting, learning more about and befriending young Japanese Americans. Upon arriving in America he was disappointed to find that there was significant separation between the Japanese National and Japanese American communities that was difficult to overcome. Determined to change this he approached the JCCCW about creating events designed to create international exchange by bringing together young Japanese and Japanese American students. Yuji worked hard in conjunction with other JCCCW and HBCC interns to plan, program and facilitate this first event so the JCCCW has decided to name the program Yuji’s Omusubi in recognition of his efforts to promote international exchange.

While Yuji may have returned to Japan his dream remains alive, Yuji’s Omusubi will be holding quarterly social and cultural events to connect young Japanese Nationals and Japanese Americans with one another. Yuji’s Omusubi seeks to further the JCCCW’s mission by creating international exchange and building a closer Japanese National and Japanese American community in the Greater Seattle area. The next event, Yuji’s Omusubi II will be held sometime in November so check the JCCCW website (jcccw.org) or the monthly Enews for updates and more information. To learn more about Yuji’s Omusubi II or to become involved contact the

Hyogo Business and Cultural Center

The Hyogo Business and Cultural Center (HBCC) was established in 1990 by the Hyogo Prefectural Government to promote and strengthen the sister-state relationship between Washington State and Hyogo Prefecture and further international understanding between the people of the United States and Japan. HBCC provides a variety of educational outreach programs, supports language education, offers cultural workshops, assists foreign student and teacher exchanges and provides business development services as well as sister state support. The Hyogo Business & Cultural Center also collaborates with a number of community organizations and events to increase awareness of multicultural issues, Hyogo Prefecture and Japan as a whole.

JCCCW and HBCC actively collaborate to support each others missions and programs in order to facilitate international exchange and understanding. Consequently the JCCCW is proud to call the HBCC one of its tenants and partner organizations. To find out more about HBCC visit their website http://www.hyogobcc.org.
Upcoming Community Events

**October 16th**
1 – 3 pm
Omoide Community Forum: The Shin Issei
Japanese Cultural and Community Center
1414 S. Weller St. Seattle, WA

**October 16th**
530 – 9 pm
Asian Counseling and Referral Service Annual Benefit Dinner
The Westin Seattle - Grand Ballroom
1900 Fifth Ave. Seattle, WA

**October 17th**
11 am – 3 pm
White River Buddhist Temple Bazaar
White River Buddhist Church
3625 Auburn Way N. Auburn, WA

**October 26th**
230 – 4 pm (Japanese) 630 – 8 pm (English)
*Doubles* Documentary Screening
Japanese Cultural and Community Center
1414 S. Weller St. Seattle, WA

**October 30th**
530 – 9 pm
Nikkei Concerns 35th Anniversary Dinner
The Westin Seattle - Grand Ballroom, 1900 Fifth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101

**November 6th**
9 – 11:30 am
Seattle Japanese Language School Open-House
Japanese Cultural and Community Center
1414 S. Weller St. Seattle, WA

**November 7th**
1 pm – 5 pm
Bunka no Hi – Culture Day
Japanese Cultural & Community Center
1414 S. Weller St. Seattle, WA

**November 10th**
5:30 – 9 pm
Densho Sushi and Sake Gala
Sheraton Seattle
1400 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101

**November 20th**
10 am – 4 pm
29th Annual Ayame Kai Holiday Craft Fair
Blaine Memorial Methodist Church
3001 24th Ave. S. Seattle, WA

**December 12th**
9 am – 3 pm
Mochitsuki Fundraiser
Nichiren Buddhist Church
3625 Auburn Way N. Auburn, WA

**December 30th**
11 am – 3 pm
JCCCW Mochitsuki – Mochi Making
Nisei Veterans Hall
1212 S King St Seattle, WA

**January 8th**
TBD
Oshogatsu – New Years Celebration
Japanese Cultural and Community Center
1414 S. Weller St. Seattle, WA

WISH LIST

The JCCCW is still actively seeking donations of the following items:

**CHILDREN’S KIMONO, YUKATA, HAPPI, HAORI, HAOKA, GETA AND OBI:** Our kids kimono dress up is one of the most popular activities that we do at the JCCCW and we are always looking for donations of traditional Japanese clothes. Your donations can have a real impact in sharing and creating lasting memories so if you have any old items that are no longer in use please consider donating them today.

**PRESS STYLE BUTTON MAKING MACHINE:** The JCCCW office is looking for a press style button making machine to create buttons and name tags for our programs. Machine must be in good working condition.

**GOOD CONDITION JAPANESE CHILDREN’S BOOKS:** The Nikkei Bunko Japanese Language Library is currently looking for Japanese children’s books to expand its youth reading section. Japanese Language School students borrow these books to complete their homework assignments and to practice their Japanese reading skills so having them is very important for their language development.

If you have any of the above items please contact us at admin@jcccw.org or call the office at (206) 568-7114.
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