

THE GRAINS OF RICE



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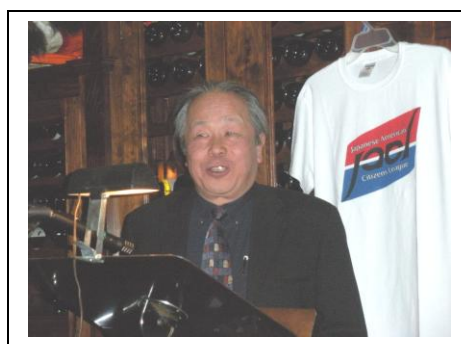
March 2010



**Ron Katsuyama installing Dayton and Cincinnati JACL Board
at China Cottage Restaurant, Centerville, OH**



**A cake to celebrate Dayton JACL's
60th anniversary**



**Jack Ling, Executive Director,
Institutional Diversity and
Inclusion, University of Dayton,
speaker at the Dayton-Cincinnati
Installation Dinner**

From the president...

Betsy Sato



It is spring! Many new things are happening. After our challenging bouts of snowstorms, it is invigorating to see the spring flowers popping out and the Earth renewing itself. Here are some items of note for the JAACL Chapter:

Welcome to new Board members: Jill Shirokawa and Kazuya Sato. THANK YOU to retiring Board members, Setsuko LeCroix and Emily Momohara. Emily will continue as our webmaster.

Our newsletter The Grains of Rice will soon become an e-newsletter. This will save the chapter not only the cost of mailing but the cost for a bulk mail permit. Plus, it will allow for a more timely delivery. So, please provide either Gordon Yoshikawa (gyoshikawa@cinci.rr.com)

or me (kbsato@yahoo.com) with your preferred email so we can make sure you continue to receive news from our chapter. Having an email list will also allow us to notify you of events that come up between the publication dates of Grains. For those who do not have email, we will be able to mail out Grains by snail mail.

National JAACL puts out a weekly DC Digest which keeps us up to date on what's going on in Washington, D.C.. It has been one of the best, unbiased sources of information on health care reform. It follows issues of interest to JAACL such as immigration legislation. If you want to get the weekly email, go to the JAACL website (www.jaacl.org) to sign up.

In this edition of Grains is the chapter's revised scholarship application. The scholarship committee and the board gave a lot of thought about how to make the scholarships more relevant to today's environment when not everyone attends a traditional four-year college.

As you will see elsewhere in this edition, Krohn Conservatory's Butterfly Show this year will feature Japanese butterflies. The task force has been hard at work preparing for the show. Perhaps you have noticed the large torii outside Krohn. Volunteers are needed. You can still sign up.

Finally, spring means sakura. The plantings that were done in 2008 in Ault Park should be really ready to burst forth this year. We will be keeping a sakura watch and alert everyone by email. Perhaps we can all meet and celebrate spring under the blossoms in April.

Asian Community Alliance, Inc.

The Asian Community Alliance, Inc (ACA) is a non-profit organization created to provide quality, compassionate and culturally competent services and advocacy to the Asian community in Greater Cincinnati through outreach and educational programs. This mission statement while seemingly very simple encompasses a wide variety of services. ACA has in the past presented topics ranging from Health Care Screening such as Hepatitis, Diabetes, Heart Health and smoking. Workshops on elder care and social activities like the Drum Circle for Health which helps people express through acoustics their universal feelings which also promotes health.

ACA also is active in a needs assessment survey, a Health Symposium held during April at the Cincinnati Museum Center (The Union Terminal) , the present census and other activities to help acculturate a newly arrived or a long term resident of Cincinnati in the mainstream.

For those of us who have lived a lifetime in the US and often take these things for granted, it is a startling reminder that other people find themselves far from home and loved ones and often isolated. The JAACL has been in existence for many years and for me, who has not experienced Relocation Camp or moving to a new locale without benefit of support systems or knowledge of community resources, it has been a wonderful experience.

To find out more, contact The ACA by the internet www.acacinci.org. We would love to have you!

Respectfully submitted, **Betty Breyer**

The Grains of Rice will be going e-Grains!

The Fall issue will be on the chapter website: www.cincinnatijaacl.org The summer issue will be available in both hard copy and e-Grains. If you want to continue receiving the Grains at home, email me your e-address:

gyoshikawa@cinci.rr.com

If you need to receive a hard copy, send me a note at 7761 Gwenwyn Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45236-3003.

PERSONALS

Births

Nicolle and Fred Rauch and big brother Jakob welcomed Emma Sumiko on December 16, 2009. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces. Proud grandparents are Shirley and Marvin Yoshikawa. Frances Tojo, great-aunt is elated to share her Japanese name with Emma.

Condolences

Mitsu Kato, 89, passed away on January 30, 2010. She is survived by sisters Ruth Takeuchi, West Chester, Ohio, Sue Sugimoto, Centerville, Ohio, brothers Masao and Toshio Kato, Union City, California, Tak Kato, Cincinnati, Ohio

Julia Lynn Plunkett, MD, niece of Helen (Steve) Rindsberg, passed away January 25, 2010. Services were held January 30, 2010.

Col. Christopher R. Keegan, USA (ret.) former commanding officer of Company H, 442nd RCT. was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on December 29, 2009. Participating in the service were representatives from JAVA (Japanese American Veterans Association) Kelly Kawayama (442nd RCT), Grant Ichikawa (MIS), Terry Shima (442nd RCT), Lt. Col. Mike Yaguchi USAF (ret.)

DONATIONS

Cincinnati Chapter gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

In memory of Jinny Fisher

Shiro and Fumiko Tanaka, Cincinnati OH
Kono Naegele, Cincinnati OH

In memory of Kay Murata

Judy Ibarra, Cincinnati OH
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Memory of Jinny Fisher

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Okura Family Scholarship Fund

\$2,000 Anonymous

James Takeuchi Scholarship Fund

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In honor of Mark Takigiku's birthday

Ray Takigiku

Rufus Tojo Scholarship Fund

Kay and Jane Murata, Cincinnati OH
Dennis Bambauer, Redding, CA
Honor of James and Peggy Tojo
Frances Tojo, Cincinnati OH

Welcome to New Member

Janet Kato
12929 N. Magnolia St., San Antonio FL 33576

Welcome to Friend of Cincinnati Chapter

Kono Naegele, Cincinnati OH

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JACL CINCINNATI Chapter Scholarship

Chapter scholarship will be awarded in the end of June every year. The deadline for application is **May 15** (post marked). The number and the amount of awards will be determined by the availability of the scholarship funds and also by the number of qualified applicants. Applications should be sent to Shiro Tanaka, Scholarship Chair, 11334 Pemmican Run, Cincinnati, OH 45249-2516. If any questions, please contact him at sftanaka@cinci.rr.com or call 513-489-9079.

Purpose: to recognize academic achievement and to encourage involvement with JACL

Eligibility:

- High school graduate
- Accepted by or currently enrolled in a college, university, business or trade school or any other accredited institution of higher learning for the coming academic year
- For 2010: JACL member (student, family or individual membership) in good standing at the time of application
- For 2011 and after: JACL member for at least 12 months prior to the date of application

Application: to be considered by the Scholarship Committee, all applications must include:

- Cover sheet
- Current high school or college transcript
- Copy of acceptance letter from the educational institution you plan to attend or proof of enrollment
- List of extracurricular and community service activities (including any JACL-sponsored activities) with brief explanation as to the nature and time period of such activities
- An essay (one typewritten page; single space; 12 font size; Select one from below)
 - a. Reasons for pursuing higher education/training
 - b. My thoughts about my ancestry
 - c. What, if any, challenges have you and/or your family had to overcome while growing up?
 - d. How are the goals of JACL relevant to my life
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or professor who knows you well.

Applications are evaluated by at least three members of the Scholarship Committee who do not have any conflict of interest with the applicant or his/her family. If such a conflict is revealed, that person shall be replaced by a member of Chapter Board who has no such conflict of interest. Evaluations are

based on scholastic achievement, JACL involvement, extracurricular and community service activities and the essay.

Additionally, National JACL scholarships for entering college freshmen/women are also available. For details, please visit www.jacl.org It should be noted that all Freshman applications must be submitted to the Chapters and postmarked by March 1, 2010. Each chapter must forward, postmarked by April 1, 2010, their "outstanding" applicants to JACL Scholarship Program Office in Chicago.

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Cover Sheet– JACL Cincinnati Chapter Scholarship

Be sure all attachments are included.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address : _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

JACL Member since _____

Signature _____ Date _____

ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

The Cincinnati Chapter of the JACL cordially invites you and your family and friends to the annual potluck dinner Sunday, August 22, 2010

4 pm Social hour

5 pm Potluck Dinner

6 pm Cincinnati-Dayton Taiko Group
Sakura Ladies Chorus
Bon Odori

Location: Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church at Madison Road and Hyde Park Avenue, Oakley.

15th ANNUAL KROHN CONSERVATORY 2010 BUTTERFLY SHOW...

With butterflies from Japan.

April 17 – June 20, 2010

10 am to 5 pm

Anyone wishing to volunteer:

Shifts: 9:45 am – noon

11:45 am – 2:30 pm

2:15 am – 5:00 pm

Orientation:

Sun. 3/21/10 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Wed. 3/31/10 5:30pm - 6:30 pm

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Sat. 4/10/10 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Contact: Patti Boehnlein,

Volunteer Coordinator

513-421-5707 ext 21

Patti.boehnlein@Cincinnati-oh.gov

Celebrate the Spirit of the season Sakura Spring at the 2010 Butterfly Show.

Save the date: April 30, 2010

6-9 pm

Tickets: \$30.00 each

cathymoon@Cincinnati-oh.gov

Cincinnati Parks Foundation

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Japanese Language School of Greater Cincinnati

MDC meeting in Minneapolis, MN on April 30-May 2, 2010 will include an oratorical contest Saturday, May 1. District winner will go on to compete in the Minoru Yasui Oratorical Contest in Chicago at the National JACL Convention June 30 – July 4, 2010. High school and full-time undergraduate college level youths are invited to participate. **National JACL Convention** will be held at the Swissotel on Wacker Drive in Chicago. Go to www.jacl.org (chapters/Chicago) for registration information.

Washington, D.C. Leadership Program will take place June 10-13, 2010. Student leaders will get a glimpse of national policy-making. APA undergrads should apply to the (MRO) Midwest Regional Office. The goal is to provide information and training to foster positive social change. Full tuition (airfare, lodging, meals and transportation) is paid by a grant from UPS Foundation for 12 applicants selected.

JACL Connects with College Students

JACL staff presented workshops on “Anti-Asian Sentiment” at major colleges in the first quarter of 2010. Bill Yoshino, Midwest Regional Director, Christine Munteanu, JACL Ford Program Fellow, led a workshop at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Yoshino and Patty Wada presented one at the University of Pennsylvania. The workshop titled “When Hate Hits You” covered history and causes of hate crimes directed at Asian Americans. It allowed students to share personal accounts and presented real life scenarios where the students take part in determining how to effectively respond. Future workshops are planned for Notre Dame, Ohio State University, University of Arizona and Arizona State University. Go to jacl.org for further updates and for what other activities JACL is involved.

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2010 CALENDAR

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| April 17-June 20 | Butterfly Show
Butterflies of Japan
Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive |
| April 30-May 2 | Spring Midwest District Council Meeting
Twin Cities, Minnesota |
| June 30-July 4 | National JAACL Convention
Chicago, Illinois |
| August 22 | Annual Potluck Dinner
Hyde Park Bethlehem United Methodist Church |