

# THE GRAINS OF RICE



Cincinnati Chapter Japanese American Citizens League

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Photo by Emily Momohara

Dr. Santa Ono, President of the University of Cincinnati, speaks at the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Japanese Americans who relocated to the Cincinnati area from the ten internment camps located in desolate areas of California, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Arkansas, Utah and Idaho.

## PERSONALS

### Condolences

**Mary Adachi**, 93, passed away on February 28, 2013. Mary Sugimoto was born in Marysville, California. Mary and Kelly met while Kelly was attending UCLA. They were married on November 2, 1941. After the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, Mary and Kelly were first sent to the Santa Anita Assembly Center near Los Angeles for six months before being assigned to the relocation camp in Rohwer, Arkansas. When internees were permitted to leave camp, Kelly was able to secure a job with Penker Construction in Cincinnati. After the first son Michael was born in January 12, 1944, Kelly was drafted and assigned to the all-Japanese 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Kelly passed away on November 18, 2010 at the age of 90.

Survivors are daughter Kellene; sons, Michael and Patrick; 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

### Haruko Ruth Takeuchi

Ruth was born in Broderick CA on April 2, 1924. Daughter of Japanese immigrants from Fukushima Ken, Japan, Ruth grew up on a farm in California with her six siblings: Mitsu, Ichiro, Masao, Toshio, Takeo and Sueko. During WWII the family went through upheaval and Ruth ended up at Tule Lake along with part of her family for the duration of the war. After internment, Ruth followed her eldest brother, Ichi, and moved to Cincinnati, OH. She married James Takeuchi and became an active member of the Cincinnati Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). The couple was part of the Thousand Club and supported JACL with great enthusiasm for many years. Ruth loved gardening and ikebana. Her ikebana arrangements were shown in numerous displays in Cincinnati including a featured spot at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

Wife of James Takeuchi (deceased). Survived by her children Stephen (Rita), Kenneth (Esther) and Peggy (James) Shimko, her grandchildren James (Catherine), Sara (Grant) Pettit, Alana (Luke) Stamper, Miyoko Conley, Hiroshi Shimko, three great-grandchildren and siblings Masao and Takeo Kato and Sue Sugimoto.

**Takashi Kariya**, 87, passed away on March 21, 2013. In 1942 The Kariya Family was interned at Tanforan Assembly Center and fared better than most families because they were assigned to newly-built barracks rather than the horse stables. After five months, they were moved to Topaz, Utah. He later went to Drake University in Iowa where he received his Master's and met his future wife, Sachi. They relocated to Cincinnati where Tak worked as a biochemist for Merrell Dow until his retirement. Tak was an avid bridge player and raised African violets and orchids. Fred Morioka started a group called Pioneers (Issei who called themselves pioneers from Japan). Tak and Sachi enjoyed hosting the group in their home for their monthly gatherings. The energetic group enjoyed their native cuisine and games of Hot Potato and a Japanese version of Pin the tail on the donkey. Monthly birthday cakes were created by Toki Morioka.

Survivors include Sachi, daughter Cheryl, son Jim, granddaughter Marko Hower, brother Hiroji Kariya and sister Kumiko Matsumoto.

## DONATIONS

**Cincinnati Chapter gratefully acknowledges the following donations:**

### General Fund

#### In memory of Takashi Kariya

Grace Narita, Huntington Beach CA

Masaji & Taeko Toki, Cincinnati OH

Yoriko Suhr, Cincinnati OH

Charles & Kayoko Longbottom, Cincinnati OH

Bernice Hashimoto, Cincinnati OH

Tokie Wade, New Richmond OH

Hiroshi & Hiroko Nishiyama, Cincinnati OH

Gordon Yoshikawa, Cincinnati OH

Frances Tojo, Cincinnati OH

#### In memory of Mary Adachi

Bernice Hashimoto, Cincinnati OH

Masaji & Taeko Toki, Cincinnati OH

Gordon Yoshikawa, Cincinnati OH

Frances Tojo, Cincinnati OH

**James Takeuchi Scholarship Fund**  
**In memory of Ruth Takeuchi**

Masaji & Taeko Toki, Cincinnati OH  
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Gordon Yoshikawa, Cincinnati OH  
Frances Tojo, Cincinnati OH  
Yoshiko Parsons, Cincinnati OH

**Rufus Tojo Scholarship Fund**  
**In memory of Ruth Takeuchi**

James & Peggy Tojo, Cincinnati OH

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Teruko Nesbitt  
8906 Terwilliger Trail. Cincinnati OH

Akiko Strickland, 3150 Bellewood Avenue  
Cincinnati OH 45213

Dr. Santa Ono  
Gwendolyn Yip  
Juliana and Sarah Yip-Ono  
3537 Totten Ave., Cincinnati OH 45226

**WELCOME TO FRIENDSHIP MEMBER**

Yoriko Suhr 7068 Jeannie, Cincinnati OH

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Shiro Tanaka, Cincinnati JACL Scholarship Chair announced recipients of the **Cincinnati JACL Scholarships**. They are Kayla Hensley of Milford, OH, and Margaret Tojo of Glenview, IL. They each received \$2000 scholarship and four year student membership in JACL.

The scholarship funds are: Hannaford, Ishikawa, Itaya, Okura, Takeuchi, Takigiku, Tojo. Scholarship Committee was comprised of Shiro Tanaka, Betsy Sato, Leila Kubesch and Lois Nizny.

**Reds Raffle Tickets are available now**

Through the generous donation of the Toyota Suite tickets, the Cincinnati JACL fundraiser kicks off with the August 25, 2013, Sunday 1 pm Reds game vs. Milwaukee Brewers. Five pairs of tickets will be raffled at the July 28<sup>th</sup> JACL meeting. The first two pairs of tickets include parking passes. All include a pre-game lunch. Ticket donations are 1 chance for \$10 or 3 for \$25.

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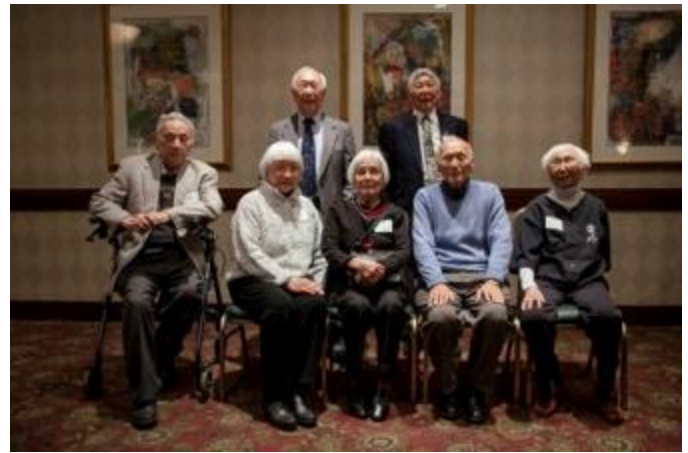
**CALENDAR**

July 24-26, 2013 National JACL Convention  
Washington, D.C.

August 18, 2013 Cincinnati JACL Potluck  
Dinner 4 pm ó 8 pm  
Hyde Park Bethlehem  
Methodist Church  
Madison Rd/& Hyde Park  
Avenue



Installation of Cincinnati/Dayton chapter boards by MDC Governor, Colleen Morimoto



Surviving early resettlers to Cincinnati 1943-1945 Stogie Toki, Judy Ibarra, Bernice Hashimoto, James Tojo, Frances Tojo, (back row) Gordon Yoshikawa, Marvin Yoshikawa



Vice-Mayor of Cincinnati, Roxanne Qualls and Cincinnati Chapter President, Betsy Sato



University of Cincinnati President, Dr. Santa Ono



Standing for Dr. Ono



Ron Katsuyama (Dayton) with outgoing Vice-Consul of Japan, Detroit, Midori Takeuchi

All photos of the 70<sup>th</sup> by Emily Momohara









## Asian Americans Celebrate Tree Planting

**In honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, UC celebrated a tree planting representing Japanese maples and dogwoods donated by the Greater Cincinnati Asian American community.**



Carolyn Barricklow, Hiroko Nishiyama, Jacqui Vidourek, Miko Tanaka, Wendy Yip, Dr. Santa Ono, Junko Kojima, Shiro Tanaka

Wendy Yip, wife of President Ono

At a tree planting ceremony May 24, Asian-Americans gathered with UC President Santa J. Ono and his wife Wendy to celebrate their donation of trees to UC's green spaces.

University Architect Beth McGrew presided at the tree planting which featured a 'Bloodgood' Japanese Maple. The donation of trees marked Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and will include additional 'Stellar' Dogwood trees to be planted on the lawn along Clifton Avenue on UC's West Campus in Uptown.

Asian American affinity groups from the Tri-state area contributing to the tree project were the Japanese American Citizens League, UC Chapter of the Society of Chinese-American Professors, Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati, Greater Cincinnati Chinese Music Society Board, Cincinnati Korean American Association, and Asian Indian groups, as well as individual Asian American faculty and administrators at UC. These organizations say they want the donated trees to serve as a reminder that Asian Americans have contributed greatly to American society, despite having faced racial discrimination throughout their history in the United States. The trees also celebrate Asian and Pacific Americans becoming part of mainstream America.

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**The Cincinnati Chapter of the JACL  
Cordially invites you and your family and friends to the**

## **ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER**

**Date: Sunday, August 18, 2013**

**4:00 pm Social Hour  
5:00 pm Potluck Dinner  
6:00 pm Cincinnati/Dayton Taiko  
Sakura Ladies Chorus  
Bon Odori**



**Location: Hyde Park Bethlehem Methodist Church  
Madison Road and Hyde Park Avenue**

