



Florin J.A.C.L. Newsletter

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Co-President's Message

By Josh Kaizuka

Even with the challenges of the pandemic last year, thanks to our members, volunteers and friends, we were able to end another busy year with a sold out in person 87th Anniversary Awards and Installation event in December.

Our chapter got out of the gate last year out with a "Drive-By Ozoni, Zenzai, Mochi, and An Mochi" pickup event on January 2 and then participated in eight other in-person events during the 2022. Events included a photoshoot at the Golden 1 Center where Bob Matsumoto's digital graphic was on display to coincide with the Northern California Time of Remembrance; attended the 80th Anniversary of EO 9066 event at the Capitol and a proclamation event in West Sacramento; speaking at the Solidarity with Afghan Community press conference; helping to organize the Solidarity Vigil and Asian Justice Rally at the Capitol in March; participating in the ACC Ohana Walk; and attending the Arboga rededication ceremony near Marysville in October.



We worked with other organizations on the Sacramento Senior Safety Collaborative, NorCal Stop the Hate Collaborative, National Nikkei Reparations Coalition, the Okei Headstone Restoration Committee and continue with our collaborative work with many local AAPI organizations in the Sacramento area.

Florin also signed on to letters including an opposition to a windmill project within visual site of Minidoka National Historic Site, supporting the Amache National Historic Site to become a part of the National Park System, and of course signed on to continue support for the passage of HR 40 which would create a commission to study and develop proposals for reparations dealing with the impacts of slavery on the Black community.

We still had a few virtual events including NCTOR, our scholarship awards, and our board and committees continue to meet virtually.

As you will see in this newsletter, there are upcoming events that our committees and members are working on.

With that said, the start of this new year which should be a time of joy and celebration has been marred with some tragic events including two mass shootings in California that has affected the Asian and migrant farmworker communities.

Then there is the murder of Tyre Nichols at the hands of members of a special unit of the Memphis Police Department that is affecting not only the Black community, but everyone. Specialized units are not new, not only in Memphis, but have been around for years in the Sacramento Valley area and throughout the country.

We will be monitoring things and our civil rights committee will be in discussions on ways we might be able to help or address the effects of these recent incidents.

The Florin Chapter remains steadfast with our work for civil and social justice. I personally want to thank our volunteers, members, friends, and our amazing board and committee members who really do the heavy lifting work, so we remain on track with our mission!

Reminder - 2023 JACL National Scholarship Apps Due 3/6

Scholarship Program guidelines, instructions, and applications have been posted on the JACL website, www.jacl.org, and can be accessed by clicking the "Youth" tab on the menu bar. You may also click the button below "Learn More or Apply Here."

Following previous years, the application forms for the scholarship program will be completely online. Freshman applications must be submitted directly by the applicant to National JACL through the online form no later than March 6, 2023, 11:59 p.m. Hawaiian Standard Time (HST).

Applications for the non-freshman scholarship categories (undergraduate, graduate, law, creative/performing arts, and financial aid) are also to be sent directly by the applicant to National JACL through the online form no later than April 3, 2023, 11:59 p.m. Hawaiian Standard Time (HST).

All those applying to the National JACL Scholarship Program must be a youth/student or individual member of the JACL; a couple/family membership held by a parent does NOT meet this requirement. Applicants must be enrolled in school in Fall 2023 in order to be eligible for a scholarship. If a student has received two National scholarship awards previously, they are no longer eligible to apply as the limit is two national awards per person.

NOTE: Please also send a copy of your completed application to Karen Yamamoto, Chair Florin JACL Scholarship Committee, at karenyamamoto@sbcglobal.net.

Congratulations Judy!

Congratulations to Judy Fukuman for receiving the "Daruma - Unsung Hero Award" at the NCWNP District Awards Banquet and Celebration on April 1, 2023. The event will be held at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville.

Judy has been an active member of our chapter. She has served as Recording Secretary for over 20 years. Judy has been tireless in her dedication to help meet the chapter goals. She serves as the chair of the popular Mochi Madness Event, offering members and the community the opportunity to experience steaming, pounding and shaping mochi in the traditional old fashioned way. Judy is ever present at chapter events, ready to step in to help, and always organized and prepared. Judy took responsibility for the barbecue dinner and all the food for the Manzanar Pilgrimage. Judy is ever present at chapter events serving as registrar, cook, or helper: the Nikkei Hot Dog and Bingo Scholarship Fundraiser, the Ice Cream Social, or the annual Chapter Anniversary and Installation luncheon. The Florin Sacramento Valley JACL Chapter is proud to honor Judy Fukuman for her commitment to support our chapter

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Northern California Time of Remembrance (NCTOR)
Presented by Florin, Lodi, Placer County and Sacramento JACL Chapters



Uprooted! An American Story

The Power of Education and Preservation in an Evolving World

Saturday, March 11, 2023
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
California Museum
1020 O Street, Sacramento

Join us for the grand opening of *Uprooted! An American Story*. The Museum's longest-running exhibit has undergone a dramatic redesign, incorporating interactive and innovative features. The re-imagined exhibit demonstrates the power of education and preservation through the story of Japanese American incarceration and the fight for reparations, and brings the civil rights movement to the present and the future. The program will feature an insightful presentation by Kevin Sayama of C&G Partners, the New York-based creative studio behind the exhibit's transformative redesign.

To purchase tickets, use form below
-or- visit NCTOR.org for online purchase.
Sponsorship opportunities also available.
For more information, please visit NCTOR.org.

For questions, contact Nancy Whiteside at
nwhitesi@hotmail.com or 916-508-6587.

Event Registration Deadline: February 28, 2023

Tickets on sale through NCTOR only:

\$15.00 general admission / \$10.00 college students
Free for ages 18 and under

Includes admission to event and all current Museum exhibits.

All tickets will be at WILL CALL.

Public parking: \$5 flat rate (cash only) in parking structure
across from the museum at 10th and O Streets.

Name: _____ Adult Tickets: _____ @ \$15.00 ea: _____
Address: _____ College Students: _____ @ \$10.00 ea: _____
_____ 18 and under: _____ @ \$ 0.00 ea: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Sponsorship/donation: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

Enclose check payable to Placer Co. JACL and remit by **FEBRUARY 28, 2023** to:
Nancy Whiteside, 425 Cirby Way, Apt 10, Roseville, CA 95678

Say “No” to Wind Turbines at Minidoka!

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Lava Ridge Wind Project in south central Idaho will be released by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on January 13, 2023. The public comment period will end on March 14, 2023. For more information about the Lava Ridge proposal, visit <https://www.minidoka.org/lava-ridge>.



How you can help:

- Sign up today to receive the BLM notices and a copy of the DEIS at: <https://forms.office.com/r/NDsr6rhtbs>. By signing up for this mailing list, you will also receive information about the in-person meetings to be scheduled in January and February 2023 in West Coast cities.
- Submit your comments to the BLM.
- Please share this Call to Action with others!

Membership Update

Thank you for being a member of our community! As you may know, active membership is an essential element in a strong JACL chapter. Thanks to your renewing membership, we can continue to defend civil liberties both locally and nationwide. We hope to see you at our events!

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Crystal Baker
Kimi Kaneko

Save the Dates

- March 11 – NCTOR – Uprooted! An American Story, The Power of Education and Preservation in an Evolving World
- March 25 – Social Justice Art Walk
- June 24 – Women’s Forum
- July 6 – Florin Obon Workshop (Tentative)



87th Anniversary Awards and Installation Luncheon

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the annual awards and installation luncheon finally went back in-person and it was a full house! While unsure exactly what to expect when the committee started planning the event, it was full steam ahead to make sure that worthy individuals and organizations were recognized for their invaluable contributions and leadership.



Our luncheon would not have been complete without our master of ceremonies, Sharon Ito, who as usual, did an awesome job and kept things interesting and rolling. A very special treat this year was a performance of the song, "Higher" from Allegiance, performed by Heather Koike, who's voice was so incredible.

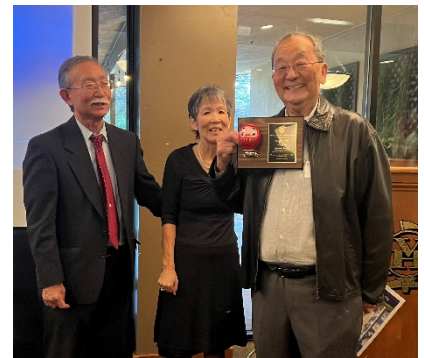


Honored at the event were Don Nottoli for the Community Leadership Award, Sam Isamu Kashiwagi for the Okagesame de Award, Stan Masami Umeda for the Florin JACL-SV Leadership Award, and ACC Senior Services for the Community Service Award.

Past National JACL President, Floyd Shimomura swore in the hard-working 2023 Florin JACL-Sacramento Valley Board and Committee Chairs.

Funds raised exceeded our expectations thanks to our generous sponsors, silent auction donors, and everyone who attended, donated, and everyone who bid on items!

Special thanks goes out to the event committee led by Marielle Tsukamoto and the volunteers who helped at the event.



Are you a Youth? Sign up for the RightOn!

Planning is on track for the first API Social Justice Art Walk in Sacramento. The event will be on Saturday, March 25 and recruitment for 150 volunteer walkers is in progress. The focus now is to get more youth walkers 15 to 25 years old. There are over 25 API organizations sponsoring the event so far and Florin JACL-SV is one of the major sponsors!

So what do you get out of being a volunteer youth walker? First of all, you get to be part of a group of 150 API social justice art walkers, you get a shirt with one of thirty two significant dates corresponding to a landmark civil rights case made exclusively for the Sacramento event, and you just might get school credit for participating if your school will consider it community service or a school project.

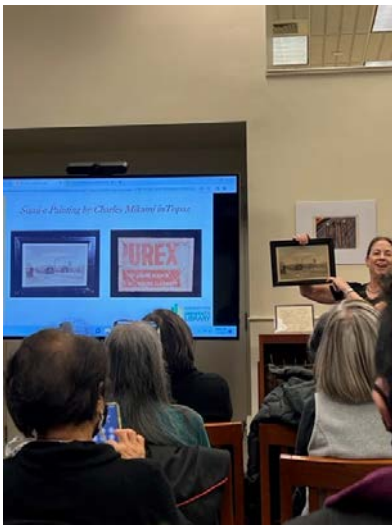
The goal is to have a diverse group of at least 75 API youths to participate as a Social Justice Art Walker! To get more information and/or to sign up, go to

<https://bit.ly/SacSocialJusticeArtWalk>

Tours Of Japanese American Archival Collection A Hit!

By Julie Thomas
Archivist, Sacramento State
Co-chair, JACL-SV JAAC Committee

Behind-the-scenes tours and an introduction to Sacramento State's award-winning JAAC were offered by the Gerth Special Collections & University Archives (SCUA) in December and January. The hosts were James Fox, Head of SCUA, Eileen Otsuji, Co-Chair of the JACL-SV JAAC Committee, and yours truly. Tours were provided to members the Buddhist Church of Sacramento on December 3rd, and Parkview Presbyterian Church on January 7th in the morning and Florin-SV JACL in the afternoon. The 2-1/2 tours included a brief overview of the JAAC history, mission, and future direction as well as a display and discussion of one-of-a-kind objects in the collection. The event culminated with a behind-the-scenes tour of the JAAC storage and preservation areas.



I personally enjoyed seeing long-standing friends and meeting new community members. My motto is *Spread the Word/Inform the World* about the JAAC and its mission to educate people about the Japanese American experience, marginalization, racism, the U.S. Constitution and principles of democracy and social justice. It is my hope that attendees will become “ambassadors” who advocate for the JAAC and can direct potential donations and recommendations for book purchases to me.

More tours will be offered throughout the year and it is my hope to offer two tours on the same day every quarter.

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