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The Festival of Souls



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## JACL

Japanese American Citizens League  
Mile High Chapter



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### A Message from the President

August was a very exciting and busy month for our chapter! At the last board meeting, the board voted to change our chapter's name to "Mile High Japanese American Citizens League." This is done to simplify our paperwork and to avoid confusion that often arose as a result of using "Mile Hi." In addition to the name change, we will slowly roll out our new website ([www.MileHighJACL.org](http://www.MileHighJACL.org)) and our new e-mail address ([MileHighJACL@gmail.com](mailto:MileHighJACL@gmail.com)) over the next several weeks. Rest assured, any e-mails sent to the old e-mail address will be automatically forwarded to the new address.



As you all know, Mile High JACL rented a booth at the Boulder Asian Aloha Festival. I was very happy that the organizer positioned our booth right near the stage, thus allowing us to watch the performances during our shifts. We sold water, senbei, and hand-made greeting cards. We also gave away free fans with every purchase. The fans contain our contact information and a brief summary of our mission statement. I want to thank everybody that came by the booth to support us and I especially want to thank all of the volunteers that helped with the booth. We could not have done it without you!

I had the privilege of attending the opening ceremony for the newest exhibit at the Aurora History Museum. The exhibit is called "An Epic Journey," and it is about the history of the Asian American/Pacific Communities in Colorado. It is a very interesting exhibit. You will get to see various artworks, musical instruments, ceremonial objects, and household items that were donated by local community members. I definitely recommend this exhibit to anybody!

We would love to hear your suggestions and feedbacks. Please come to our next board meeting on September 6th at 6:30 pm and let us know how we can serve you better. We meet at the Japanese American Association of Colorado's Office, located on the second floor of Sakura Square (19th and Lawrence, Denver, CO). If you have any questions or feedbacks, please do not hesitate to contact us at [MileHighJACL@gmail.com](mailto:MileHighJACL@gmail.com)

*Harry Budisidarta*

Mile High JACL Chapter President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mile High JACL  
Board Meeting  
September 6th  
6:30pm  
Sakura Square, 2nd Fl.

2012 National JACL  
Gala & Awards Dinner  
September 27th  
JW Marriot  
Washington, D.C.

Do you have an event  
or project that you  
would like to share  
with our community?  
Please help us keep  
our community informed  
by submitting events,  
notices, recognitions  
and articles to include  
in future newsletters.  
Information can be  
submitted to  
ngoco.dee@gmail.com

## Update on Changes at the Pacific Citizen

by Gil Asakawa

Have you missed your copies of the PC in recent weeks? The usually reliable Pacific Citizen newspaper has unfortunately missed a couple of its twice-a-month issues this summer, because of some drastic changes. You should be receiving the new issue very soon, if you haven't already, and I have a column explaining some of the reasons for the delay.

Mainly, Caroline Aoyagi, who has served as editor of the PC for over 15 years, left suddenly for a new job. Then, assistant editor Lynda Lin, who has done a terrific job helping Caroline for six or seven years (and who has been on maternity leave) resigned suddenly because her husband got transferred overseas for his work. On top of that, the business manager gave her notice and has been coming in only one day a week, to handle the most urgent of bills and other financial affairs. Who's left? A young reporter, Nalea Ko, who's done a very good job but is not experienced enough to take over, and Eva Ting, who has managed subscription for the PC for even longer than Caroline was there.

Here's what's happening now: George Johnston, a columnist for the Rafu Shimpō and a fulltime editor for Investors Business Daily, who briefly ran the PC years ago, is helping out in the evenings and weekends to help get the PC done for the time being. He can't do it long-term, so Carol Kawamoto, the newly-appointed PC Editorial Board Chair, has asked me to help with the search for replacements for both Caroline and Lynda.

There's been an internal call within JACL national, and this week I'll be sending the word out to journalism job lists and to various individuals who have been referred to me. Carol and I hope to have some candidates identified very soon, and then it's up to Carol and the JACL's hiring committee at the National Board, to choose the talent who will take the PC to the next level of excellence.

I have every hope that the PC will recover from the loss of its terrific leadership and that JACL will continue to support the important work of the PC. If anyone has questions about the PC, feel free to ask me. My email is [gilasakawa@gmail.com](mailto:gilasakawa@gmail.com), and as the IDC rep on the PC Editorial Board and someone committed to helping find great people for the PC, I'll try to answer all your questions.

## Nihongo-o Naraimashyou!

Let's Learn Japanese!



Sora (So-ra)  
Translation: Sky

Umi (U-mi)  
Translation: Ocean

Nami (Na-mi)  
Translation: Wave

Su-na (Su-na)  
Translation: Sand

## JACL Welcomes Eight New Millennium Club Members



*Congressman Mike Honda (CA)*

The Millennium Club welcomes eight new members who joined the club last month at the National Convention in Bellevue, Washington. Congressman Mike Honda led the way by becoming a Millennium Club Member at the start of the convention. Congressman Honda is a longtime JACL member and the only Congressional member to belong to the Millennium Club, and has been a tireless advocate for the AAPI community.

Founded in 2004 at the National JACL Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, the JACL's Millennium Club is the JACL's highest membership category. For the last eight years, the Millennium Club members have supported the JACL's work through their leadership and financial support.

Twila Tomita is the Millennium Club's newest member. When asked why she decided to upgrade her family membership to Millennium Club, she said, "I joined the JACL in the 1980s because I wanted to help pass the redress legislation. After redress was achieved, I saw that the JACL was taking on other civil rights issues including defending Muslim Americans who have been scapegoated after 9/11. I realized that it was time for the Sansei to step up and give more financial support to our JACL."

Members of the Millenium Club are Elaine Akagi, George Aratani, George Izumano, Hugh Burleson II, Ernest Doizaki, George Higashi, Richard Hirayama, Mike Honda, Edith Ichiuji, Dale Ikeda, Bill Imada, Kenneth Inouye, Margaret Iwanaga-Penrose, David Kawamoto, Carol Kawamoto, Lillian Kimura, Sherman Kishi, Chip Larouche, David Lin, Ted Namba, A Hirotoishi Nishikawa, Priscilla Ouchida, Toshiko Sakamoto (Mile High JACL), Frank Sakamoto (Mile High JACL), Floyd Shimomura, Lisa Sloan, Masako Takiguchi, Hitoshi Tom Tamaki, Elsie Taniguchi, Robert Taniguchi, Twila Tomita, Joe Uchida, Takeko Wakiji, Ronald Yoshino

For more information about becoming a Millennium Club member, please contact the JACL Membership department [mbr@jaclo.org](mailto:mbr@jaclo.org) or call 415-921-9225. JACLers are eligible to join the Millennium Club with a donation of \$1,000 or more per year.

## 2012 Boulder Asian Aloha Festival

*By Jessica Moy*

On the weekend of August 11 and 12, 2012, representatives from the Mile High (formerly Mile Hi) JACL stood in the shade of a tent on Pearl Street selling goods at the annual Boulder Asian Aloha Festival. Although we thought this would be a good fundraising activity, we decided to offer great deals and not make as much money. However we were able to accomplish our main goal, which was promoting JACL. Two hundred and fifty fans were created with the new Mile High JACL website ([www.MileHighJACL.org](http://www.MileHighJACL.org)) and labels with the new web link were put on senbei (rice cracker) bags for sale. Although the Mile High JACL site is still under construction, board members thought the Boulder Asian Aloha Festival would be a good way to introduce our new address. We handed out the JACL fans free with any purchase of water, senbei bag, generously donated hand-made greeting cards, or crane decoration. Water was by far the best selling item. Without the shade of the tent, it was like any other weekend in Colorado this summer: HOT. However, the energy was great, and we were positioned right in front of the stage, so during the times people weren't crowding around the JACL booth, we had a chance to watch some of the performances. If you had the chance to stop by, thank you. Otherwise, you can probably find us around with extra fans to get you through the rest of the summer (and to remember our new email address).



*Some of the volunteers at the JACL booth for the 2012 Boulder Asian Aloha Festival*



## Congratulations Jessica and Cliff!



Jessica Moy with newborn Jacob Aiden Moy

Warm wishes and congratulations go out to Mile High JACL Board Member Jessica Moy and her husband Cliff who recently became proud parents of baby Jacob Aiden Moy. He was born on Sunday, August 19, 2012 weighing in at 4lbs. 10oz. Both baby and parents are happy and healthy!

## Come Celebrate Mid-Autumn Moon Festival with OCA Colorado

**When:** September 29, 2012,  
Saturday, 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Super Star Asian Cuisine  
2200 W. Alameda Ave., #5  
Denver, CO 80223  
**What:** 12-course gourmet, games  
**Cost:** \$25/person

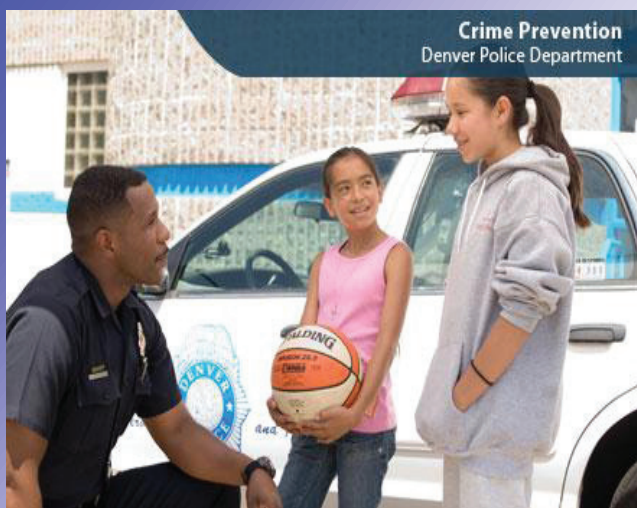
中秋  
*Happy Mid-autumn Festival!*

### Menu:

- \* Emperor Seafood Soup \*
- \* Crispy Fried Flounder \*
- \* Double Lobster with E Fu Noodle \*
- \* Super Star Clay Pot \*
- \* Walnut Prawn \*
- \* Sea Cucumber Braised Mustard Green \*
- \* Enoki Mushroom over Pea Vine \*
- \* Golden Crispy Fried Chicken \*
- \* Golden Crab Claws \*
- \* Dry Scallop over Egg Tofu \*
- \* Crab Meat Dry Scallop Fried Rice \*
- \* Super Star Fruit Platter \*

RSVP or Questions: Please call Hing Ryder @303-241-4203 or Benny Cheng  
@ 303-888-0777 or Email [OCAColorado@gmail.com](mailto:OCAColorado@gmail.com) by September 22, 2012





# Denver Police Immigrant Citizens' Academy

Join us for the first ever Denver Police Department IMMIGRANT  
COMMUNITY CITIZENS' ACADEMY

## Denver Police District 1

1311 W. 46<sup>th</sup> Ave, Denver, Colorado

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012- November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

This class will be held on Thursday night's beginning at 6:30pm

Sessions will include; Service providers, Officers Duties, Traffic Laws,  
Domestic Laws, Information about ICE/ INS & AIR One & Building Searches

*All attendees must register in advance.*

*Space is limited, so apply early.*

*For information please contact*

*Police Technician Ligeia Craven @ 720.913-6167 or*

*Fax # 720.913-7029*

[ligeia.craven@denvergov.org](mailto:ligeia.craven@denvergov.org)

## JACL Mission Statement

"What cannot be achieved in one lifetime will happen when one lifetime is joined to another."

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

## Become a Member of JACL Today!

Joining the Mile High Chapter JACL is a great way to get involved with the community and to help support our programs that educate our youth, develop leaders and pass on our legacy from generation to generation.

Membership benefits include (subject to change):

**Associate Memberships are available for two years to individuals who are new to the Mile High Chapter JACL and includes:**

- Mile High Chapter JACL Newsletter
- Discounts to local chapter events (when applicable)

**All other memberships include the above in addition to:**

- Pacific Citizen, The JACL Newspaper
- Scholarship Program
- JACL Credit Union Services
- VISA Affinity Card
- Hertz Rental Car Discounts
- Long Distance Calling Discounts
- Major Medical Insurance Program \*
- Long Term Care Insurance \*
- Catastrophic Major Medical Insurance\*
- Medicare Supplement Insurance\*

\* Membership does not guarantee acceptance. The insurers have their own acceptance criteria.

**If you would like to join, please complete the information below:**

Membership Application

(12 months membership from the date of application)

- |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate (\$25)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$65)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Family (\$110)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Youth (\$30) - PC Excluded |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club (\$100)                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Century Club (\$175)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Millennium Club (\$1000) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thousand Club Life (\$3,000)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Century Club Life (\$5,000)             |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of Thousand or Century Club member (\$37) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse of Millennium Club Member (\$30) |   |   |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (if applying): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send applications to: Mile High JACL, P.O. Box 13061, Denver, CO 80201



Mile High JACL | P.O. Box 13061 | Denver, CO 80201 | MileHighJACL@gmail.com | www.MileHighJACL.org

Downtown commercial space for lease  
at Sakura Square. 518 square feet  
of office or retail space located on  
second level available for  
immediate occupancy.



## Would you like to place an ad in our newsletter?

Individuals, organizations and businesses are invited to place advertisement in the Mile High JACL Newsletter to help us sustain this important publication that informs our community about various activities and issues. Advertisements may include marketing for your company, job postings and/or messages to friends and family. However, the Mile High JACL Board of Directors will use its discretion about printing advertisements that may go against the mission of the organization. The sponsorship categories are as follows for each issue of the newsletter (printing on 8.5" x 11"):

- \$100 - Full page advertisement
- \$50 - Half page advertisement
- \$25 - Quarter page advertisement
- \$10 - Business card size advertisement

Discounts are available for bulk purchases: 5% off for three issues or 10% off for six issues. Members are also eligible for an additional 10% off.

If you are interested in submitting an advertisement, please email your graphic and/or text to Suzy Shimasaki at suzy.shimasaki@gmail.com and mail payments to: Mile High JACL, P.O. Box 13061, Denver, CO 80201

Payment and advertisements both need to be received by the 15th of each month in order for your information to be included in that month's issue.

Thank you for your support of the Mile High JACL and its monthly newsletter!