President’s Message

When someone asks why I am a member of Riverside JACL, I usually answer because of my pride in my cultural heritage and the work of JACL in the area of Civil Rights. But I really think that I have gained the most from the many people that I have met that I truly respect for their dedication and service to the community. We have had so many people in our organization that have volunteered their time and effort.

This year Riverside JACL honored Meiko Inaba at the October 6th PSWD Awards Dinner. She is one of those special people in our chapter that we depend on to continue our programs and one of our strongest supporters. Meiko truly deserves this award. Congratulations.

I also want to congratulate Anthony Lombardo as the winner of this year’s scholarship from the RCCD Aiko Dora Katano Scholarship.

Michiko

PC Holiday Issue is coming!

Would you like your name (s) ($10.00) and/or business card ($88.00) featured in our Riverside JACL Chapter Ad for the 2012 Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen?

If so, please send a check made payable to:

RIVERSIDE JACL c/o Ms. Jennifer Okabayashi 75 Via Abruzzi Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

Please include the name (s) and address or a business card along with a check to Jennifer Okabayashi, Youth Representative, by October 25, 2012.
Meiko Inaba JACL Riverside Chapter Honoree at Pacific Southwest District annual dinner

We know Meiko as the hardworking member who is always ready to lend a helping hand, give someone a ride, lend out her personal belongings to make an event complete, pick up food, host chapter meetings, participate in events and the list goes on and on. It is this energy and goodwill that made her deserving of the recent award presented at the PSW awards night. The dinner was held at The Center at Cathedral Plaza in downtown L.A. and it was ably emceed in part by our own Doug Urata, and of course led by the newly elected district governor, Kenneth K. Inouye.

Meiko was in good company on this special night as she was accompanied by her sister Carol Matsuura and husband Vern, her sister Shirley Mikami, daughter Laurie Oshiro, and niece Julie Matsuura, along with members of the Riverside JACL Board.

The executive director of JACL, Patricia Ouchida, was also present to contribute words of inspiration and perspective on the value of the organization.

Blast from the past: Press Enterprise, January 21, 1968

Thanks to Riverside JACL Historian Dolly Ogata for this memorabilia from the chapter’s past. Of the many who helped found the chapter, Ed Mitoma, who recently passed away, is noted.

In support of JANM

The Japanese American National Museum presents Giant Robot Bien-nale 3, its third show in conjunction with Eric Nakamura, owner of Asian American pop culture juggernaut Giant Robot. The expansive show features a gallery of eight emerging artists along with a customized vinyl figure collection. September 23, 2012 through January 20, 2013

Holiday shopping is so much fun at JANM.
MITSURU INABA, age 77, passed away on August 14, 2012. He was born on April 9, 1935 in Riverside, CA and had been a resident for 73 years. He served in the U.S. Army for 2 years. He was interned during World War II with his family at Manzanar War Relocation Center and Crystal City Internment Camp. He retired after 33 years with Caltrans (Structures). Mitsuru is survived by his wife, Meiko Inaba; son, Douglas Inaba (wife Resa); daughter, Laurie Oshiro (husband Gary); sisters Midori (husband Paul) Fujii, Haru Kuromiya, Setsu Hata and Lola Czahara; brothers Akira (wife Eva) Inaba and Anthony (wife Beverly) Inaba, and 5 grandchildren.

Mits will be greatly missed by the Riverside JACL family who benefited from his skills, his energy, and his sense of responsibility throughout the many years of his and Meiko’s membership in the JACL. Mits was always in the background giving continuity and reliability to the many projects and activities that were undertaken through the years.

Rest in Peace, Mits.

Our Condolences to the Family of Mitsuru Inaba

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

In Memory of Mits Inaba
Gayle and Francis Fujioka $50
Jack and Carolyn Nukaya $50
James and Gary Tsubota $30
Yasuko and Henry Kajiyama $20
Riverside Museum Associates $100
Lola Czahara $100
Donna and James Quinn $50
Donna and Robert Oshiro $25
Meiko Inaba Memorial Scholarship Fund
Meiko Inaba $5,000
General Scholarship
Eiko Mitoma and Carolyn Mishima $500
Dr. Gen Ogata Memorial Scholarship Fund
Eiko Mitoma and Carolyn Mishima $500
Evelyn and Kenneth Ogata $200

Saturday, October 20, 2012 | 12 - 5 pm | Free | Riverside Metropolitan Museum
In celebration of Mark Rawitsch’s new book, The House on Lemon Street: Japanese Pioneers and the American Dream, this event will feature:
Panel Discussion: Dr. Art Hansen, Dr. Anthea Hartig, Dr. Lane Hirabayashi, Naomi Harada, and Mark Rawitsch
Book signing by author Mark Rawitsch
Historic Walking Tour: "Reading the Sites: The Japanese American Community in Riverside"

Riverside Museum Associates Book Sale | 1 - 3 pm | Barnes & Noble | Free
Introduction to the RMM and booksigning with Mark Rawitsch, author of The House on Lemon Street: Japanese Pioneers and the American Dream at Barnes & Noble. When you make purchase at Barnes & Noble on this day, give the voucher # 10863793 and the Riverside Museum Associates will receive a percentage of the sales.

"Harada House, Frank Miller, and the Mission Inn” Docent Lecture | 4 - 5 pm | Mission Inn Museum | Free
"Harada House, Frank Miller and the Mission Inn” docent talk by Mark Rawitsch. Open to the public
According to Executive Director, Patricia Ouchida, there is power in social networking and enormous opportunities to let the world know about the work being done by this organization. She is embracing social media with enthusiasm and has begun to post regularly. She sites prolific bloggers such as Angry Asian Man as a way to create synergy with the organization’s message. Check out the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/JACLNational, and follow the tweets at http://twitter.com/jacl_dc.