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Two Spirits, One Heart — a Powerful Presentation

By Megan Nakano, Chapter Board Member

Ashley Aizumi didn't think she would live to see her eighteenth birthday. Since early childhood, she had been a "tomboy." In middle school she started to feel like she didn't fit in and began having panic attacks. In high school she came out as a lesbian but was bullied by her classmates and experienced rejection at her church. She began engaging in self-mutilation, or "cutting." Her panic attacks worsened, preventing her from attending school, and she was diagnosed with agoraphobia.

Despite her challenges, she was able to complete her high school education from home, graduate, and get accepted to college.

Her mother, Marsha, tried desperately to help Ashley. Marsha, her husband, their son, and extended family were unconditionally supportive of Ashley and sought the guidance of friends, teachers and therapists, but Ashley continued to struggle with depression and agoraphobia throughout her college years. After high school, she was physically attacked on multiple occasions in homophobic acts of hate. In her words, "I didn't think I was going to live to see my eighteenth birthday...there were only two options. Either I got beat up somewhere, or I did it myself."

Ashley felt all alone, but according to the National Transgender Discrimination Survey, many transgender and gender non-conforming youth share similar experiences. Of the 6,450 respondents, those who expressed transgender identity or non-conformity while in grades K-12 "reported alarming rates of harassment (78%), physical assault (35%) and



Photo courtesy of Marsha Aizumi

MARSHA AIZUMI WITH HER SON, AIDEN. MARSHA SHARED HER JOURNEY WITH AIDEN AND HIS DISCOVERY OF TRANSGENDER IDENTITY AT A JACL CHICAGO CO-HOSTED EVENT AT CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO.

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Securing and maintaining the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry.

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Two Spirits, One Heart continued

sexual violence (23%); harassment was so severe that it led almost one-sixth (15%) to leave school." "A staggering 41% of respondents reported attempting suicide compared to 1.6% of the general population." According to the study, "the combination of anti-transgender bias and persistent, structural racism was especially devastating," with "people of color in general faring worse than white participants across the board."

At the age of twenty, Ashley revealed her desire to transition from female to male. Up to this point, she had worn her hair short, forgone "girly" clothing, and bound her breasts to appear more masculine. But her transition would eventually entail male hormone therapy, "top surgery" to remove her breasts, and a lot of paperwork to officially

change her name to Aiden and gender to male. She would also have to break the news to her friends and family and help them make the transition from having a daughter to having a son, a sister to a brother, niece to a nephew.

In his mother's words, "As Aiden began to take steps to transition to male, I noticed huge positive changes in him. Less moody and angry, he returned to that happy, communicative, and open person I knew before the middle school years. Now more confident of his future, his self-esteem soared."

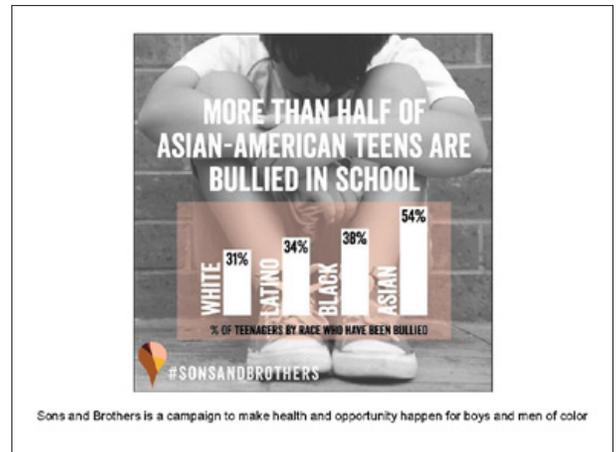
Marsha herself evolved over the years. "My Japanese American background has given me a deep sense of responsibility and honor. When Aiden first came out as lesbian, I felt I dishonored my family by being a mother who allowed her child to be gay. I felt ashamed," she shares. "Today, I understand being gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender is not a choice. My child was born this way. And so I honor my family best by standing by my child and loving him with my whole heart."

Marsha and Aiden chronicle their story in, "Two Spirits, One Heart: A Mother, Her Transgender Son, and Their Journey to Love and Acceptance." Both mother and son are committed activists for LGBT rights. By sharing their story with groups across the globe, they work to make the world a safer place.

Marsha likens the treatment of Japanese Americans who were forced into camps during World War II, to those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, judged not by their actions, but for who they are. In her words, "Fear brings out discrimination, but I believe compassion causes people to become more knowledgeable and aware."

On Sunday, April 6, 2014, Marsha gave a presentation based on her book at an event at the Christ Church of Chicago (TRI-C) which was co-hosted by the Japanese American Citizens League, Chicago Chapter.

TRI-C has officially been designated an Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation, welcoming into full membership and participation persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status and faith background. According to



their website, “No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome at Christ Church of Chicago.”

The JACL, in 1994, was one of the first civil rights groups in the nation to affirm its support for marriage equality. The organization stated in a resolution that marriage equality “was a constitutional right that should not be denied because of a person’s sexual orientation.” Supporting educational programming such as Marsha’s presentation are in line with our mission and values.

“I want my son to grow up in a safer, more accepting world,” Marsha states. “Thank you JACL for carving this path for me with all your work towards social justice and human rights.” 🌈

To learn more about the LGBT community and how you can help support it, visit Marsha Aizumi’s website at www.marshaaizumi.com, or Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays at www.pflag.org.



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A SLIDE FROM MARSHA’S PRESENTATION SHOWS THE STEPS FOR PEOPLE TO BECOME “STRAIGHT ALLIES” OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY.

Beyond the Bamboo Ceiling: The 31st Lunar New Year Celebration

by Yoko Urayama

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The biggest Asian event in Chicago, “the 31st Lunar New Year Celebration” was held on February 22 at the Hyatt Regency O’Hare, with over 1,000 guests attending. This year, the Japanese American community took the role of host for the annual



2014 AACC PRESIDENT, MEGAN NAKANO, WELCOMES EVERYONE TO THE DINNER.

event of the Asian American Coalition of Chicago (AACC). The event was emceed by Keith Uchima and Cheryl Hamada.

This year’s theme was “Beyond the Bamboo Ceiling.” Megan Nakano, President of AACC, said, “Thanks to the hard work of individuals and organizations like the AACC, Asian Americans have made great strides in education and

social justice to the extent that some no longer consider us ‘minorities’ in the colloquial sense.”

Nakano, however, pointed out that Asian Americans made up 5 % of the population and represent 17 % of Ivy League classes, but they comprise only 0.3 % of corporate officers, less than 1 % of corporate board members, and around 2 % of college presidents. In addition, only eight Asian American CEOs were in the Fortune 500.



KEITH UCHIMA AND CHERYL HAMADA EMCEED THE EVENT.

Photos: Ken Carl

Therefore she said, “Networks are the key to success in every field, and the very process of planning this event year after year has helped us to establish those critical relationships with corporations, government offices, community organizations, and media. These partnerships are the stepping stones to overcoming the challenges presented by the bamboo ceiling”.

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TOSHIKO (TONKO) DOI RECEIVED THE EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD.

She has been known to go out to the streets to listen to peoples' voices and discuss matters.

Toshiko "Tonko" Doi received an Exemplary Community Service Award. When she was six months old, she and her parents were forced to move into an interment camp during WWII. That experience later inspired her to become an active participant and leader in the JA community. Doi serves on the Mayor's Advisory Board for Senior Services, and was elected to a second term as Chair. She is a certified representative of the State of Illinois Ombudsman Program, and has been invited to take a position on the Chicago Committee on Urban Opportunity.

In the JA community, she co-founded the Out-of-the-House program for Nisei seniors at the Japanese American Service Committee, and served as the group's driver and activity coordinator for many years. She has also contributed to helping many events such as JACL's National Convention in Chicago, Chicago All-Clubs Reunion, and All-Camps Reunions.

Politicians in attendance included U.S. State Senator Dick Durbin, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka, U.S. State Representative Jan Schakowsky, and more. Consul General of Japan Masaharu Yoshida and Deputy Consul Keiko Yanai also attended.

Rep. Jan Schakowsky received the 2014 Sandra Otaka Memorial Grand Asian American Award, which is presented annually to an individual outside of the Asian American community, who has diligently worked in advancing the cause of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Illinois. The award is presented in memory of Sandra Reiko Otaka, was the first Asian American appointed as a full circuit court judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2000.

Rep. Schakowsky has several Asian American staff in her office and has been a strong supporter of qualified candidates from the Asian American community who have political aspirations.

Eigen Aoki received a Youth Who Excel Award. He started to learn Japanese taiko drumming when he was four years old. As a young adult in later years, he has performed solo drumming at many venues, such as the Museum of Contemporary Art and Chicago Jazz Festival. Aoki was a National Merit semifinalist and placed among the top three speakers in the Augustana College.

The Malaysian American community will host the Lunar Celebration next year. 🌕



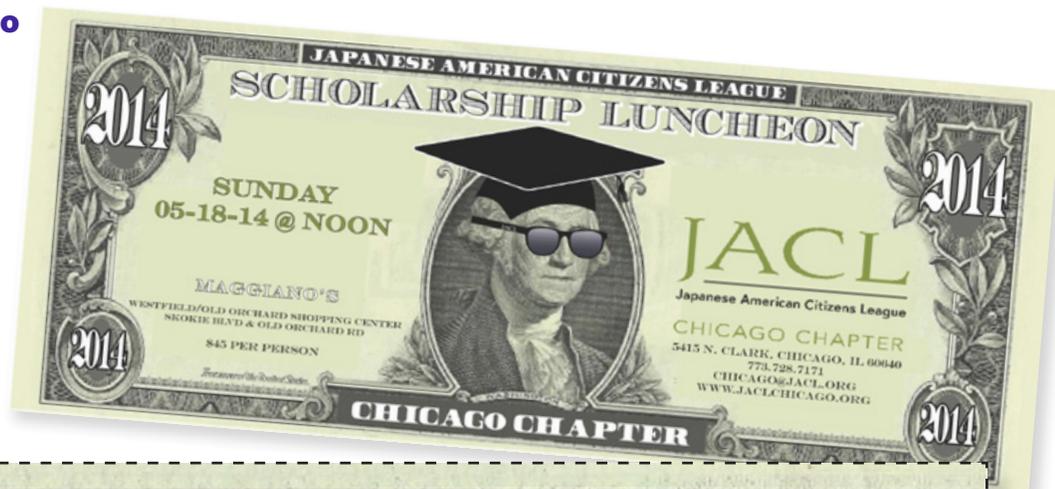
EIGEN AOKI WAS PRESENTED WITH A YOUTH WHO EXCEL AWARD.

Photos: Ken Carl

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August 2, 2014
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6800 N. Caldwell Ave., Chicago

2014 Annual JACL Chicago Scholarship Luncheon

Please join us on Sunday, May 18 at the Annual Chicago JACL Scholarship Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant located in Skokie at the Westfield/Old Orchard Shopping Center. The luncheon begins at noon and tickets are \$45.00, payable to JACL Chicago. Please RSVP by May 9, 2014 using the form below, or call 773.728.7171.



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Saturday, May 31

10 am - 5 pm

Christ Church of Chicago

6047 North Rockwell, Chicago

The summit will explore perceptions and stereotypes of Asian Americans and provide skills and techniques to respond to them.

Interactive workshops, ice breakers, community building activities.

Japanese American high school students are encouraged to attend this FREE event.

www.jacl.org/summit for more information and registration.

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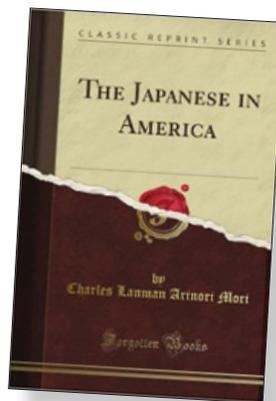
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Japan's First Visit to Chicago—1872

by Bill Yoshino, JACL Midwest Director

Curiosity finally got the better of me when I retrieved an old book, *The Japanese in America*, which had been tucked away on a shelf at the JACL office. I learned that authorship of the book is attributed to a Charles Lanman, a career librarian with the House of Representatives and the War Department, with edits by Arinori Mori, the first Japanese ambassador to the United States. The preface of the book is by a Baron Tanetaro Megata, who said he received his copy from Ambassador Mori in 1873.



The opening section of the book recounts the first visit by a Japanese delegation to the United States. It describes a dinner hosted by the Meiji Emperor, Mutsuhito, in November 1871. The Emperor had gathered his nobles in anticipation of sending emissaries to fifteen countries that had diplomatic relations with Japan. The Emperor revealed his expectations that "Travel in foreign countries, properly indulged in, will increase your store of useful knowledge; and although some of you may be advanced in age, unfitted for the vigorous study of new ways, all may bring back to our people much valuable information..."

The delegation arrived in San Francisco on January 15, 1872. It consisted of two princes and numerous dignitaries representing the various departments of government. This was their first stop on a journey that would culminate in a visit to Washington, D.C. and a meeting with President Ulysses S. Grant. Their eastward journey called for official stops in Sacramento, Salt Lake City, and Chicago.

In a chapter of the book titled "Life in the Leading Cities," there is an account of what they would witness in their tour of Chicago. "But, since the first pages of this volume were sent to press, Chicago

has met with a calamity by fire, which has been pronounced quite unprecedented. It occurred in October, 1871, and resulted in the total destruction of all the business portions of the city. More than 100 lives were also lost, 80,000 persons, including merchants and mechanics, were thrown out of employment or reduced to beggary in a single night, and the total loss of property was estimated at \$200,000,000. It is said to have been the most extensive fire that ever occurred in any country, and the sympathy felt for the sufferers called forth subscriptions of money from every quarter of the globe..."

The delegation reached Chicago where they would spend two days. Their first gesture was to present Mayor Joseph Medill a check for \$5,000 as an offering of relief. The mayor responded, "Permit me, in behalf of the people of Chicago, to tender you their most grateful thanks for this wholly unexpected and munificent gift. They will esteem it as an additional proof that the great nation you represent has enrolled itself among the progressive and civilized powers of the earth, as well as a lively testimonial of the personal sympathy of your Embassy for the misfortune of this portion of your American friends." So, this first brief interaction between Japan and Chicago was one of lending a hand up to a city recovering from a disaster. Moreover, another section of the book imparts an observation that the "recent fire at Chicago is an illustration...of the evils of building with wood alone."

Twenty years later, Japan would leave a permanent imprint on Chicago through their participation in the Columbian Exposition beginning in 1892. Although the Japanese pavilion structures remained for many years following the Exposition, they eventually were destroyed by fire. The area that once housed these structures became the Wooded Island nature sanctuary, and later the Osaka Garden, which remains today. 🌳

JACL Project: Community!

DAY CAMP

August 4 - 13



JACL's free summer camp program for 7 to 9 year olds is back for 2014! Over six half-day sessions over two weeks, campers will learn about Japanese American culture and history, try different cultural activities and crafts, and learn the importance of tolerance and diversity.

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Honoring our Legacy Event – a Great Success

by Christine Munteanu, JACL Ford Program Coordinator

JACL Chicago held its 2014 Inaugural on Thursday, March 13 at Prairie Moon Restaurant in Evanston. The event, themed “Honoring our Legacy,” celebrated the chapter’s recent initiatives that commemorate and honor the history of the Japanese American community. The evening featured the Kansha Project, a JACL Chicago program that connects young Japanese Americans to the continuing legacy of the Japanese American community’s incarceration during World War II.

Kansha Project alumni Midori Bowen, Robin Kanemoto, Lane Mita, Marc Oda, Kelly Uchima, and Kristen Yang attended the event to share their personal experiences in the program. Their stories demonstrated the strong bond that has developed among the participants. The participants also shared how deeply they connected to the struggles of their grandparents and the Issei and Nisei, and their sense of gratitude and commitment to preserving Japanese American legacy. The continued engagement of the young Japanese Americans involved in the program demonstrates how valuable and transformative the experience was for them. Their thoughtful and emotional reflections were the highlight of the evening.

The Kansha Project has been fortunate to have been sustained completely by community donations and grants, and the inaugural was a major fundraising initiative to ensure the program’s future. Through a themed-basket silent auction, on-site fundraising, ticket sales, and the generous support of the community, the event raised over \$10,000 for the Kansha Project.

The evening’s program also included the inauguration of the new JACL Chicago board. New board members sworn in included Tonko Doi, Marisa Fujinaka, Sharon Hidaka, Bob Mita, Lane Mita, Cary Wong. Returning board members included Bryan Hara, Glenn Inouye, Megan Nakano, Michael Oshita, Lisa Sloan, Robert Takagi, Phyllis Tamada-Brown, Judy Tanaka, Tad Tanaka, Tom Yatabe, Pat Yuzawa Rubin, and Phil Wong as legal counsel.

Megan Nakano was presented with a JACL Pearl Pin, in recognition of her many years of service as JACL Chicago’s president. Megan has been instrumental in expanding and supporting the chapter’s youth programs during her tenure, and recently chaired the highly successful Asian American Coalition of Chicago’s Lunar New Year dinner hosted by the Japanese American community.

With over 80 people in attendance, “Honoring our Legacy” was a major success, and reflected the energy, excitement, and vibrancy of the JACL Chicago chapter. 🍵



2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS. TOP L TO R: MEGAN NAKANO, LANE MITA, MICHAEL OSHITA, TOM YATABE, BOB TAKAGI, GLENN INOUE, TAD TANAKA, PHIL WONG (COUNSEL). MIDDLE ROW L TO R: BOB MITA, BRYAN HARA, JUDY TANAKA, TONKO DOI. BOTTOM ROW L TO R: CARY WONG, PAT YUZAWA-RUBIN, PHYLLIS TAMADA-BROWN, LISA SLOAN, MARISA FUJINAKA.





BILL YOSHINO, JAACL MIDWEST DIRECTOR, PRESENTS MEGAN NAKANO WITH A JAACL PEARL PIN FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AS CHAPTER PRESIDENT.

The Kansha Project participants share their trip experiences at the 2014 KANSHA CULMINATION

Saturday
June 28, 2014
2 – 4 pm

Midwest Buddhist Temple
435 W. Menomonee St.
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BELOW: KANSHA ALUMNI KELLY UCHIMA AND KRISTEN YANG SHARED HOW THE KANSHA PROJECT CHANGED THEIR LIVES.



ABOVE: CHRISTINE MUNTEANU INTRODUCES KANSHA ALUMNI MARC ODA, LANE MITA, ROBIN KANEMOTO, MIDORI BOWEN, KELLY UCHIMA, AND KRISTEN YANG.



LEFT: BILL YOSHINO, PAT YUZAWA-RUBIN, PHIL WONG, PAT HARADA, AND TOM ROWLAND WATCH A KANSHA VIDEO CREATED BY JASON MATSUMOTO



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JACL Chicago hosts the 2014 Spring MDC Meeting

by Phyllis Tamada-Brown, Chapter Board Member

The Spring Midwest District Council (MDC) Meeting was held in the JACL Chicago office April 5th and 6th. Chicago weather welcomed our guests to chilly but sunny days. Chicago, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Hoosier, Houston, Omaha, St. Louis, and Twin Cities chapters were represented at the meeting.

Highlights of the weekend included a group dinner at Renga Tei restaurant, which has become a favorite activity when the meeting is held in Chicago. MDC attendees were also treated to Marsha Aizumi's emotional and moving presentation based on her book, *Two Spirits, One Heart* — Marsha's personal journey of discovery, acceptance and unconditional love of her transgender son.

MDC Governor, Colleen Morimoto from the Houston Chapter, led the meeting. Key points from the meeting included:

- Remy Hidaka was elected to the MDC Youth Representative position. Remy is from Wilmette and attends Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, studying Civil Engineering.
- Two of the five teacher training workshops, made possible with the grant received from the National Park Service, have been completed. One session was held in Albuquerque, NM and the other in Tempe, AZ. Three more workshops will be held in Houston, Fresno, and Twin Cities. These workshops are important in continuing the education of the Japanese American incarceration. Teachers are equipped with JACL's excellent, comprehensive curriculum guide and materials for teaching their students.
- Unfortunately, support for the high school program, Project: Community!, has been discontinued by the National JACL. The end of Project: Community! creates a void in MDC programming for high school students.
- Several great ideas for new activities and programs were generated from different MDC chapter programs, so stayed tuned for announcements of new activities. 🌟

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| Saturday, June 14 | 12 pm, Kansha Project: Orientation JACL Chicago Office, 5415 North Clark Street |
| June 19-22 | Kansha Project: LA Trip |
| Saturday, June 28 | 2 pm, Kansha Project: Culmination Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W. Menomonee St. |
| July 9 -12 | JACL National Convention San Jose, California |
| Thursday, July 17 | 9 am, JACL Chicago Golf Tournament Glencoe Golf Club, 621 Westley Rd., Glencoe |