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Deadline: February 1

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Chicago Day of Remembrance

Sunday, February 16
Chicago History Museum

A Knu Generation

By Emily Harada, Next Gen Nikkei Board Member

Picture this: a dark dancehall with glimpses of psychedelic flowers and peace signs among strands of twinkling lights and the voice of Smokey Robinson fills the hall. Suddenly, lights hit Tonko Doi saying: "It is 1968 at MBC (Midwest Buddhist Church)..." However this time around, the dance-goers in the crowd at MBT are no longer just Sansei, but joined multiple generations and races alike.

The sold-out evening, titled "Nikkei Nights; Talkin Bout' My Generations," featured the reunion of the Knu(er) Basic, formerly known as Knu Basic, which was comprised of Steve Arima, Jim Chikaraishi, George Formoso, Darrell Kaneshiro, Alan Arima, and Elaine Matsushita. The band played 3 sets throughout the evening. The Knu(er) Basic worked hard leading up to the big night, practicing 8 hours per weekend, for which lead singer George would travel all the way from Michigan. He was not the only one traveling for the event, as the event brought the whole Chikaraishi gang together, as well as two fans from California and other groupies across the Chicagoland region.



THE KNU(ER) BASIC REUNITES FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND DANCING THAT BROUGHT MANY PEOPLE TOGETHER, FROM NEAR AND FAR.

Photos: Jason Matsumoto

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

Article submission deadline for our next issue is 12/20/19.

The JACLER is published by the JACL Chicago Chapter for its members, supporters, and friends. We welcome your comments, suggestions, and article submissions.

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A Knu Generation continued

The band played classic 60s songs including Steve's trademark "Last Kiss," and the never ending "Shout." One memorable moment was when the band invited special "voice of the angels" guests on stage, such as Ryan Toguri on lead with David Toguri and Mike Naito as backup vocals for the song "My Girl." David remarked after that they didn't get to rehearse it, but when Ryan jumped on vocals, he wasn't going to argue.



TOP: DAVID TOGURI, RYAN TOGURI, AND MIKE NAITO SING "MY GIRL."

RIGHT: THE FRIENDS OF 94 PERFORM A SET THAT SHOWCASES THEIR TALENT!



Younger *Nikkei* also led the evening with entertainment throughout intermissions. Brandon Ishikata, a JACL Kakehashi Program alumnus and professional dance teacher at May I Have This Dance studio in Jefferson Park, led line dancing that got the whole floor moving to the song "September" to fit the

occasion, as the evening was, as the song says, on the 21st night. The ensemble "Friends of 94," comprised of JACL Chicago board member Lane Mita, as well as Mas Hoshii, Joey Rolla, and Elizabeth

Mangulabnan were also asked to perform together after their separate performances during the Open Mic Night this past June during the Contested Histories exhibit at MBT. Despite not living during the times, they brought the crowd back to the 60s grooves of Stevie Wonder and "Sukiyaki".

Outside of the performances, crowds of different generations came together and shared memories of the performances at Viking Hall, Battle of the Bands in Chinatown, and some of the other bands that also used to gig around town. While the conversations happened in the main hall, Anna Takada, Kat



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WARM WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

From JACL Chicago



Nakagawa, and Jason Matsumoto were busy gathering interviews to capture not just the stories, but also the memories being made that evening. Some of these footages will be going towards JASC's archives.

On behalf of JACL Chicago, thank you to the co-head Elaine Ogawa and committee members Steve, Jason, Lisa Doi, Gary and Lynn Yamagiwa, Tonko Doi, Rich Taura, and Gail Chase; and to all of the volunteers from both MBT and JACL Chicago. Together, we raised over \$4,000 that will be divided between the MBT 75th anniversary fund and JACL Chicago youth groups. Outta Sight! 🙌



Photos: Jason Matsumoto



2020 JACL Chicago Scholarship Program

Apply for a JACL Chicago Scholarship!

Scholarships range from \$2,000 to \$5,000+ and are open to undergraduate and graduate students who have demonstrated a commitment to JACL's mission. Scholarships are open to all, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Previous JACL Chicago scholarship winners applying for a second award should demonstrate sustained engagement with JACL.

Deadline: February 1, 2020

Scholarships will be awarded at the JACL Scholarship Luncheon on Sunday, May 17, 2020.

For more information, visit <http://jaclchicago.org/programs/scholarship-program/> or contact Christine Munteanu, JACL Chicago Scholarship Committee chair, at scholarships@jaclchicago.org.

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2020 JACL Chicago Scholarship Program Guidelines



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization whose mission is to advance social justice and promote the legacy and cultural heritage of the Japanese American community.

The Chicago Chapter of JACL offers scholarships ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000+ to undergraduate and graduate students who have demonstrated a commitment to JACL's mission. Scholarships are awarded based on an applicant's understanding of and alignment with JACL's mission, as well as academic performance and extracurricular involvement. Scholarships are open to all, regardless of race or ethnicity. Previous JACL Chicago scholarship winners applying for a second award must demonstrate sustained engagement with JACL.

Funding for scholarships is provided by generous donations from JACL Chicago members and the greater Chicago Japanese American community.

ELIGIBILITY

- **JACL Membership:** Applicants who have not previously received a JACL Chicago scholarship do not need to be JACL members to apply for a scholarship. If selected to receive a scholarship, first-time winners will receive a one-year student membership to JACL Chicago as part of their award. Previous winners must have a current student or individual JACL Chicago membership valid through the end of 2020.
- **Enrollment Status:** Applicants must be full-time students at an accredited college, university, or other institution of higher learning in the United States for the fall of 2020. Students deferring enrollment will not qualify for the 2020 scholarship program. Awards are contingent on proof of enrollment.
- **Residency:** Applicants must be residents of the State of Illinois (although attendance at schools outside of Illinois is permissible) OR actively enrolled in an accredited Illinois university, college, or institution of higher learning at the time of application.
- **Limits:** JACL Chicago scholarship winners are limited to receiving a total of two (2) awards in their lifetime.

- **Scholarship Luncheon:** All scholarship winners are required to attend the Scholarship Luncheon on **Sunday, May 17, 2020**. Awards will be distributed on this date. Any awardee who does not attend without prior approval from the scholarship committee will forfeit their award.
- **Taxes:** Scholarship awards may be considered taxable income. Awardees will be required to provide their Social Security Number and will be issued an IRS 1099 Form.

HOW TO APPLY

- Application forms will be available at www.jaclchicago.org or the JACL Chicago office by November 2019.
- All application materials, including application form and supplemental pages, official transcript(s), and recommendation letters must be included in one complete application packet. Do not submit materials separately. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Electronic submissions will not be accepted.
- Applications must be received or postmarked by **Saturday, February 1, 2020**. Late applications will not be considered.
- Send complete application packet to:
JACL Chicago Scholarship Committee
5415 N. Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60640
- Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by April 2020. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

For questions or more information, visit <http://jaclchicago.org/programs/scholarship-program/> or contact Christine Munteanu, JACL Chicago Scholarship Committee chair, at scholarships@jaclchicago.org.

NOTE: The Japanese American Citizens League administers a National Scholarship Program that is separate and independent from the JACL Chicago Scholarship Program. For information about the JACL National Scholarship Program, please visit: www.jacl.org/jacl-national-scholarship-program.

Next Gen Nikkei at the Nisei Lounge

By Mari Yamagiwa, Programs Manager



Next Generation Nikkei (Next Gen Nikkei), a young adult led program of JACL Chicago, held its debut and fundraiser event on October 24th! Community members, friends, and family gathered at the Nisei Lounge bar in Wrigleyville to support Next Gen



SUPPORTERS EVEN CAME TO NISEI LOUNGE DRESSED UP IN HALLOWEEN-THEMED OUTFITS!

Nikkei. There was a photobooth, a sweepstakes prize, and even massages for donations courtesy of JJ! Many laughs and drinks were shared. The event was successful with \$1,000 raised to support Next Gen Nikkei's community work. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us!

us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/nextgennikkei) and Instagram (@NextGenNikkei)! All are welcome to join us for upcoming community programs and events. We hope to see you soon! 🍷

To stay up-to-date on what Next Gen Nikkei is up to, you can find



Photos: Kat Nagasawa

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, December 4,
6:00pm - Dinner
6:30pm - Meeting

JACL Chicago Annual Meeting
Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W Menomonee St, Chicago

Sunday, December 8
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Never Again is Now: Mass Incarceration Workshop
Japanese American Service Committee, 4427 N Clark St, Chicago

Wednesday, January 8
7:00pm - 9:00pm

JACL Chicago Board Meeting
JACL Chicago Office, 5415 N Clark St, Chicago

Saturday, February 1

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