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SONOMA COUNTY JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

January

Calendar of Events

February

Please continue to check our website and the website for the Enmanji Buddhist church for updates on events that have been cancelled or rescheduled.

ENMAN NO TOMO NEWS

We hope that everyone can take a moment to appreciate the good things in our lives. It may not seem like a festive holiday season, but we still want everyone to stay safe and healthy. Thank you, everyone, for trying to stay positive in spite of the pandemic. Somehow, we will get through this and eventually sometime this year, we can socialize again.

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of one of our members, Kayoko Weisheitinger. She was always very happy and cheerful and very proud of her exquisite hand-made dolls. She will be missed.

Please stay safe at home and look forward to a better 2021. We are all thinking of you and wish you a safe and healthy holiday season, and a healthy and bright new year.

ENMAN NO TOMO BOARD



**Happy Holidays
and
Best Wishes
for a
Prosperous and Joyful
New Year
from
The Japanese-American Citizens League
Sonoma County Chapter**

SONOMA COUNTY JAFL YEAR IN REVIEW 2021

Although the pandemic cut short our usual social activities, we still manage to get involved.

In January, we co-hosted the annual New Year's potluck luncheon with Enmanji Buddhist Temple. This also included our installation of officers and board. We also co-sponsored a canned food drive for the Redwood Empire Food Bank and a warm clothing/toiletries drive for the COTS group in Petaluma.

In February, Enman no Tomo (our senior group) had their general meeting and first meeting of the year. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, we decided to be safe for our members and cancelled the remainder of the get-togethers for the year. Still encouraged social connections using the telephone, e-mail and texting.

We also continued our monthly volunteer session at the Redwood Empire Food Bank with our very active group. We were able to volunteer in January and February, but due to safety concerns suspended the worthwhile activity for the rest of the year. We honored our Food Bank group with a service award, which we decided to donate to the Redwood Empire Food Bank in their honor and supporting the Food Bank.

Our Oral History/Speaker's Bureau committee met in February and sent our letters to the schools offering our services. We did have some presentations including kamishibai story-telling, but after the pandemic, we only had a few presentations on zoom, but they were well-received. We sponsored an essay contest and awarded prizes for high school and middle school. In a subsequent zoom meeting, it was decided to disband the Oral History committee and concentrate on the Speaker's Bureau. We are still active in the Sonoma State University archive program.

At the beginning of the year, we were all excited about the Tsuru for Solidarity campaign and we had lined up several community and church groups who wanted to help us and make the origami tsurus as a symbol of the grass-roots support. Unfortunately, again the timing was overridden by the pandemic. We are keeping up with the news from the group, and will pursue this again when the virus is under control.

We also had our long-range planning meeting with high hopes for a productive year. Subsequent board meetings became zoom meetings. Even so, the board was actively pursuing the formation of Generation MIRAI, a youthful enthusiastic group who want to get involved. Later in the year, they cleaned up the Japanese portion of the Sebastopol cemetery, helped with the Keiro Kai deliveries, and filmed a video on mochi making, learning a lot in the process. We should all encourage their participation and input. They would also like to help with the website maintenance and social media postings.

We are also pursuing human rights and social connections especially in our local community. We are establishing contacts and helping to nourish these relationships. Some of them are United in Kindness, Human Rights Commission, Petaluma Community Relations Council and Sebastopol World Friends.

In lieu of participation in the Peace Crane Project annual program, we participated in a virtual event, Let's Ring Bells of Peace, in conjunction with several community groups.

Contacted Santa Rosa Park and Rec director to offer participation in the re-installation of Ruth Asawa's fountain in Courthouse Square.

We did not have any high school scholarship awards, but we continue to award 2 Faye Uyeda scholarships for post-graduate medical and veterinarian programs.

In the fall, we had a successful Keiro Kai, which honored those seniors in the community over 70 years old. Since we still needed to keep everyone safe, we use Kyoto Restaurant for our bento lunches and sent out 190 lunches and honored 84 seniors to remind them that they are not forgotten. We included a gift bag with items to help them pass the time while staying safe at home.

Hopefully sometime in 2021, we can try to have more activities so if anyone has any ideas for safe programs, please let us know.

Sonoma County's 'Pasta King' Art Ibleto will be missed

Art Ibleto, The Pasta King, passed away in November at the age of 94. He was well known at the Sonoma County Fair every year with his booth next to the Hall of Flowers and for his catering business.

Sonoma County JACL also knew Art as a very generous friend to the Asian American community. He served up pasta and polenta free of charge on several occasions for Asian American fundraisers.

The first time JACL collaborated with Art was in the aftermath of the 2011 Fukushima Japan earthquake and tsunami. As the horror of the devastation in Japan was still sinking in, Art offered to serve his pasta at no cost to help raise money to send to Japan. It was such a generous offer for such a good cause, how could we say 'no'? Art cooked and served pasta and polenta for hundreds of people and the event was a tremendous success. Because of Art's initiative, thousands of dollars were raised for relief efforts in Japan.

Art also came forward with the same offer to help raise funds for Typhoon Haiyan Relief after parts of the Philippines were ravaged by the Category 5 storm. The Filipino community worked with Art to set up the event and JACL helped with the venue. In spring of 2014, Art served his pasta and polenta until everyone was satisfied and it was another successful fundraiser.

The last time JACL worked with Art was in the spring of 2015 when he wanted to help the victims of the Nepal earthquake. A coalition of organizations came together to help put this event on, including the Filipino community and JACL and the Japanese community. Art, once again at no cost, served his pasta and polenta to everyone who came.

A great many people were helped in times of need because of Art's generosity and we were honored to help with some of them. In appreciation for all Art Ibleto has done for the community, Sonoma County JACL donated to Hospice of Petaluma in his honor, as suggested by the family.

Donations made in 2020 by the Sonoma County JACL:

Redwood Empire Food Bank

JACL National – Donation to Education fund imo Greg Marutani

Contributing membership for NJAHS

Contributing membership for JANM

Flowers for Marie Sugiyama

Koden imo Dwight Masuoka

Orei for Elliot Kallen for shakuhachi playing at Ring Bells for Peace event

Hospice of Petaluma- donation imo Art Ibleto

Donation to St. Patrick's Church for Secret Santa program at Dunbar School

Donation to Museum of Sonoma County

Koden imo Sally Fuchigami

Thank you to all those who have supported us again this year. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Greeting from Lane Nishikawa, actor and film producer

JANUARY 3, 2021

I hope this finds you and yours safe and well. We have been through one of the toughest years we've ever faced.

I am reminded of my grandparents and parents who lived through World War I, the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918, the Great Depression, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, earthquakes, typhoons, 12 major recessions, but always put on a brave face and rose above it all.

They rose above the Asian Exclusion Act of 1882 and the Johnson-Reed Act of 1924 limiting their chances of crossing the Pacific Ocean in search of a dream, a new life. They rose above the horrible contract labor conditions that attracted thousands of immigrant workers to the sugar cane plantations in Hawaii, to the transcontinental railroad in Utah, and to the central valley farmlands of California, in the late 1800s. They rose above the racism and prejudice that kept them from owning land, starting a business, and naturalization, during the early 1900s.

They rose above the consternation and anxiety as they watched their home being bombarded on December 7, 1941. They rose above the dismay and disillusionment as Executive Order 9066 was signed on February 19, 1942, sending them to the military concentration camp in Rohwer, Arkansas. They rose above the suspicions and hatred to volunteer for the U.S. Army, to fight the Nazis in Europe, to prove their loyalty, and strive for a better life for their loved ones.

They rose in a country that did not welcome them, that constantly made their lives oppressive, and even denounced their civil and human rights. They lost everything but rose, to start over, time and time again.

I am reminded of their strength and determination to make our world better and give us greater freedoms and opportunities. I see that strength and determination in their children and the generations who have followed. I see it in all my Hawaii family and my California family.

Let us rise. Let's never forget. Wishing you all a better 2021

Lane Nishikawa is a poet, playwright, actor, filmmaker, and arts activist. He was born in Wahiawa, Hawaii, but was raised mostly in San Francisco. His three one-man shows, "Life in the Fast Lane", "I'm on a Mission from Buddha", and "Mifune and Me", A documentary about the effects of war on the Japanese American community, called "Our Lost Years," will have a special screening in Seattle at the NVC Memorial Hall on the afternoon of February 29.

Our Lost Years Documentary Film – NJAHS

<https://njahs.myshopify.com/products/our-lost-years-documentary-film>

<https://njahs.myshopify.com/collections/media-dvds/products/our-lost-years-documentary-film>

From Facebook post - GAIL SEYMOUR

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP RATES DURING COVID EPIDEMIC

Dear Sonoma County JAACL members,

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and safe.

This is an extraordinary and unprecedented time, bringing many challenges to our lives. We understand many people are experiencing health and financial challenges in ways we have never faced before due to the covid-19 pandemic.

We have been offering a special discounted individual membership fee of \$10 for new members for the last couple of years. The Sonoma County Chapter of JAACL Board has approved extending this discount to all members for one year beginning in April of 2020 through March of 2021. This means that all memberships, new and renewals, for individuals will only be \$10 and \$20 for couples. If you want to receive the printed copy of the Pacific Citizen, the \$17 fee still be an additional fee. We will reevaluate the situation early next year.

This is a way to show our appreciation to members who have been supporting JAACL for so many years, and to make sure we are not going to lose any members due to financial challenges people might be facing. We also hope this will continue to help us grow our membership.

If you would like to still continue to send a full amount, we will accept anything above the discounted dues as a donation to National since they are also experiencing financial challenges.

I thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions, please contact me by phone or email. Please take care and continue to be safe.

San Jose's 41st Annual Day of Remembrance Virtual Program

Confronting Race in America: Unifying Our Communities

On Sunday, February 14th, 2021, the Nihonmachi Outreach Committee (NOC) will present San Jose's 41st annual Day of Remembrance event commemorating Executive Order 9066, which led to the World War II incarceration of more than 120,000 people of Japanese descent, two-thirds of whom were American citizens.

The theme of this year's Day of Remembrance, "Confronting Race in America: Unifying Our Communities," will address the erosion of civil liberties in wartime, what Japanese Americans had to endure during World War II, and what African Americans and other racial minorities face today. The event aims to bring different communities together in order to build trust, respect and understanding among all people and to renew our pledge to fight for equality, justice, and peace.

Nihonmachi Outreach Committee proudly announces guest speaker Rev. Jethroe Moore II, President of the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP. Tomio Hayase-Izu will speak about H.R. 40 (Commission to study and develop reparation proposals for African-Americans) and why Japanese Americans and other communities should support it. Alice Hikido will relate her own experience of wartime incarceration. NOC Keynote Speaker Bekki Shibayama will share the recent favorable ruling for former Japanese Latin American incarcerated and its significance for other justice struggles.

Representatives from the South Bay Islamic Association, San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, and Wesley United Methodist Church will express their support.

The candle lighting ceremony honors persons of Japanese descent incarcerated in American concentration camps. It will feature the voices of survivors of the camps acknowledging each camp.

NOC is honored to present a special program created by the incomparable San Jose Taiko.

It is a free event but donations are welcome.

For more information, please visit www.sjnoc.org

Sebastopol World Friends Annual Sister City Friendship Dinner

Sushi Meets Borsch - At Your House

Saturday, January 23, 2021 6:30-8:00pm Zoom

Please join us at our annual Friendship Dinner celebration!

Even during the pandemic, our commitment to our motto "World Peace One Friend at a Time" remains strong! In order to keep the tradition of the ever-popular food theme "Where Sushi Meets Borsch", we are partnering with two local restaurants who will prepare a dinner-to-go special menu for the attendees. The Sushi Dinner will be provided by Sushi Tozai and the Borsch Dinner will be provided by Hole in the Wall. If you are interested in making your own food, we will share our recipes on our website, so please check it out.

This year's event is not a fundraiser, but instead, we focus on bringing the community together and showing our gratitude to the local partners and supporters by subsidizing the dinner.

Featured presentation of the program is an exclusive interview of Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Steven Pifer. We will ask Ambassador Pifer to share with us his unique insights into the role of citizen diplomacy in today's world.

Some of our sister city friends will be featured in the cultural presentations. For entertainment, the Zoloti Maky (formerly Burevisnyky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble) and Sonoma County Taiko are back by popular demand.

Registration is free. The dinners are optional and \$13 per serving. Since it is a one-day only menu with a special price, dinner orders need to be placed with the registration by January 17. If you purchase dinners, please pick them up at the restaurants between 4-6pm on the day of the event. Registration is required with or without food orders.

To register or for more information, please visit www.sebastopolwf.org or email us at info@sebastopolwf.org.

For more information, please visit www.sjnoc.org



MOCHITSKI 2020

Sonoma County Japanese American Citizens League (SCJACL)

“Around the start of the New Year, many Japanese households take part in the annual tradition of Mochitsuki , the pounding of rice to make mochi. Mochi sounds similar to the Japanese word for “to hold” or “to have”, so mochi is eaten in hopes of gaining good fortune over the coming year.” (indojapanpulse.com)

In the Fall of 2020, the SCJACL Board of Directors contemplated the cancellation of our annual community mo-chitsuki event due to the pandemic - yet another disruption to our cultural legacy. We decided not to cancel but change it up to a very small group using safe outdoor conditions. The process was videotaped so we could share it with the SCJACL membership and greater Sonoma County community. We invited our young members of our new Generation Mirai sub-committee to participate. In this way, Mochitsuki 2020 represented the sharing of the traditional mochi-making technique and skills from one generation to the next. And just as important, by keeping the tradition going without interruption, we honored all the dedicated people who worked tirelessly over the past decades to keep the spirit of Sonoma County Mochitsuki going year after year.

The SCJACL Mochitsuki video is in final production and will be distributed via social media and email soon.

The JACL members who worked on the production:

Lina Hoshino, videographer, film editor, and film Producer

Henry Kaku, Project Lead, consultant and trainer

Bruce Shimizu, consultant and trainer (SCJACL board member)

Nao Noguchi, consultant and contributor of essential equipment and supplies

Sachiko Knappman, consultant and trainer (SCJACL board member)

Gail Seymour, production assistant and trainee (SCJACL board member)

Adrian Chang, trainee (SCJACL Generation Mirai Committee member)

Erin Wilkins, trainee (SCJACL Generation Mirai Committee member)

Zoe Wilkins, trainee and mochi taster

Music provided by Sonoma County Taiko

Sonoma County Mochitsuki 2020

The video is dedicated to all the Sonoma County Mochitsuki masters who paved the way for future mochi-makers.



(Photos provided by Kiyomi Noguchi)

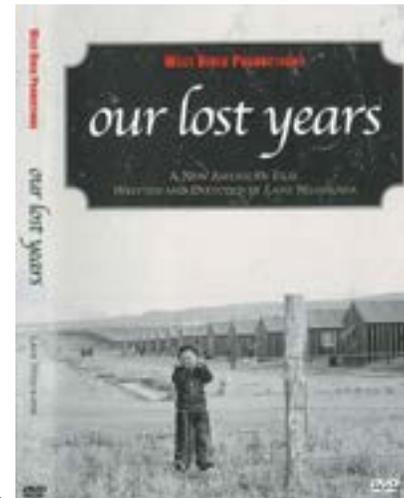


Our Lost Years Documentary Film – NJAHS

The San Diego Chapter JACL, working with Producer/Director Lane Nishikawa, produced a professional feature length educational documentary film, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066. Our Lost Years examines how lives were challenged, how livelihoods were lost, how families persevered and started over, and how the generations who have followed, continue to feel the effect of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Though all of our Issei (First generation) have passed on, we witness through their children and grandchildren, how their lives would forever change, and their futures would be unknown. We utilized historic and personal footage and photos to authentically visualize the amazing stories of the entire West Coast Japanese communities.

Regular price \$16.00

<https://njahs.myshopify.com/products/our-lost-years-documentary-film>








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38th Annual Sonoma State University 2021 Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series

January 26-May 11, 2021/ Tuesdays 5:00 PM-6:50 PM
Via Zoom

SSU Students: POLS 307, Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide, counts as 4 units of upper division GE credit, category D5.

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY

January 26: **THE HOLOCAUST IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**
Professor Stephen Bittner, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

February 2: **THE LIBERATION OF BERGEN-BELSEN**
Bernice Lerner
Sylvia G. Sucher Memorial Lecture
Underwritten by Arline Thomas

February 9: **HARBOR FROM THE HOLOCAUST**
(documentary film and online panel discussion)--asynchronous presentation

February 16: **ISLAMOPHOBIA AND ANTISEMITISM: DIFFERENCES, PARALLELS, AND CHALLENGES**
Professor Mehnaz Afridi, Director, The Holocaust, Genocide, and Interfaith Education Center, Manhattan College

February 23: **OVERCOMING ADVERSITY**
Professor Michael Berenbaum, Ph.D., American Jewish University
Robert L. Harris Memorial Lecture
Underwritten by Barbara Lesch & Michael J. McCaffry

March 2: **THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**
Professor Sergio La Porta, Ph.D., CSU Fresno Armenian Studies Program & Interim Associate Dean, College of Arts & Humanities

March 9: **"THE IRISH NEED TO KNOW THEIR PLACE:" FAMINE, IRELAND, AND THE POLITICS OF FOOD**
Professor Kathleen Noonan, Ph.D., Sonoma State University

March 16: **THE STATELESS DIPLOMAT: DIANA APCAR'S HEROIC LIFE** (film)
Mimi Malayan (filmmaker)
Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture

March 23: **SPRING BREAK** (campus closed)

March 30: **PROFITING FROM GENOCIDE: GENOCIDE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MODERN HISTORY**
Professor Ashley Greene, Ph.D., Keene State College

April 6: **BECOMING EVIL**
Professor James Waller, Ph.D., Cohen Endowed Chair of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Keene State College

April 13: **THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CAMBODIAN GENOCIDES 1975-1979**
Professor Ben Kiernan, Ph.D., Yale University

April 20: **AMERICAN GENOCIDE**
Professor Benjamin Madley, Ph.D., UCLA
Underwritten by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

April 27: **GENOCIDE TODAY: THE UYGHURS IN CHINA**
Ellen Kennedy, Ph.D., World Without Genocide

May 4: **REFUGEES, REBELS, AND SLAVES: GENOCIDE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**
Professor Ashley Greene, Ph.D., Keene State College

May 11: **THE GENOCIDE AGAINST THE TUTSI IN RWANDA**
Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana, Rwandan Ambassador to the United States; Liliane Pari Umuhoza, Tutsi Genocide Survivor and founder, Women's Genocide Survivors Retreat; and Ndahiro Bazimya, Tutsi Genocide Descendant
Alexandre Kimenyi Memorial Lecture
Underwritten by Her Excellency Mathilde Mukantabana & Chiaya Rawlins

Information and access to the video archive of past lectures can be found at <http://www.sonoma.edu/holocaust/>. Please like our Facebook page at Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide.

The Holocaust Lecture Series is sponsored by the Alliance for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, the Paul V. Benko Holocaust Education Endowment, the Armenian Genocide Memorial Lecture Fund, the Adele Zyguelbaum Endowment, the Thomas Family Foundation, the Center for the Study of the Holocaust and Genocide, the SSU Students' Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Fund, and the Jewish Community Federation (JCF) of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Study the nature of hate. Prevent the escalation of prejudice into genocide

Our Lost Years Documentary Film – NJAHS



At the northern end of Petaluma, where housing development transitions to farmland, Fujita Road meets Ely Road. Probably few people who pass by there today know the story of the Japanese American family who gave the road its name.

Dennis Fujita (77) grew up in Petaluma. As a boy he was fascinated with chemistry and later earned a PhD in Nuclear Chemistry at UC Berkeley. In 1971 he returned to Sonoma County to teach at Santa Rosa Junior College until he retired in 2006. Nowadays, he volunteers at Bouverie Preserve near Glen Ellen, helping with the conservation effort while learning and writing about the biology and history of the area.

Dr. Fujita's keen interest in history also has a family dimension. "My grandparents, Tsuneji and Matsuno Fujita, came to Sonoma County in 1919," he explained. He didn't know them because they died before he was born. "Starting in 1905, they worked as farm hands at Spreckels sugar beet farm in Salinas before coming to Sonoma County," he told me. A thriving Japanese American community was cultivating orchards and egg farms here. "My grandparents decided to have a go at starting their own egg ranch. They leased a place in Penngrove. After 3 years, when they realized they could earn a living at it, they looked to buy a few acres in Petaluma."

However, non-white immigrants like his grandfather could not become citizens, and without citizenship they could not own land under California's Alien Land Law. Initially, this was written to encourage white immigrants to settle former Indian land, regardless of citizenship. But it evolved to exclude non-white immigrants from land ownership. In 1923, the Fujitas bought a small farm, "for \$5,500, in the names of their US-born children, Henry, George, Grace and Alice Fujita," Dr. Fujita explained. His father, Henry K. Fujita, "was the oldest of the four children, whose names were recorded as the owners of the 6-acre property."

Then aged 15, Henry already had three years of experience in the egg business in Penngrove. The two brothers took farm ownership seriously. "They kept the records, bought insurance, bought the truck, got feed for the chickens.... The kids did all of that to run the egg farm."

But in 1928, the local chapter of the American Legion complained to the authorities that the Fujitas were skirting the law. "I first learned about the lawsuit charging the family with violating the Alien Land Laws in 1992, in a Press Democrat article by Gaye LeBaron," Dr. Fujita said. "My dad's family was ordered by the District Attorney to testify before the Sonoma County Grand Jury. Henry was 19 years old." The case went to the California Supreme Court, which ruled in the family's favor, arguing that they had "the right to hold or enjoy this or any other real property... in the same way... as any other citizens." It was a remarkable outcome in those days.

Similar court battles were taking place across western states, though with mixed results. Japanese American communities were well-organized. For them it was "shikatsu mondai," a matter of life and death. Even the Japanese government protested the law and demanded that Japanese immigrants be treated like their European counterparts.

Finally repealed as unconstitutional in 1952, the Alien Land Law also created hardship for other Asian immigrant communities.

The favorable court decision allowed the Fujitas to keep their property and receive reimbursement for their legal fees. But it took four years to resolve, causing tremendous stress for the family. "Two years after the case settled, my grandmother passed away," Dr. Fujita recalled. "She was 47."

In the mid-1930s, George Fujita continued the egg ranch, but Henry became an Electrolux vacuum cleaner salesman. In 1942, after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the FBI began arresting Japanese American "leaders." A neighbor contacted the authorities, saying that Henry's comings and goings at night were "suspicious." "Well, my father was a salesman," Fujita explained. "Selling door-to-door, he often didn't get back until 9 o'clock because that's when people were home." The FBI questioned Henry, but neighbors and downtown businesspeople who knew him cleared his name. Even Santa Rosa police chief Melvin "Dutch" Flohr, who grew up with Henry, verified his loyalty.

In 1942, most Japanese American families from Sonoma County, including the Fujitas, were taken to Granada Relocation Center, also called Camp Amache, in south east Colorado's high plains. Dennis Fujita was born there in 1943. He later learned of the kindness of many Sonoma County friends, who stepped forward during the family's incarceration. They maintained the family home, collected rent from tenants, paid the Fujita's mortgage, and put their vehicles and personal property in safe storage.

Towards the end of the war, the family was finally permitted to return to Petaluma. However, anti-Japanese sentiment still ran high. Their neighbor, John Rasmussen, a home building contractor, hired Henry as a carpenter when no one else would employ Japanese Americans. The Rasmussens also made sure that Fujita's children made it safely to and from the school bus stop each day.

"The humble 'Fujita Road' sign commemorates over a century of residence by members of my family in Sonoma County," Dr. Fujita said as he remembered their skills and accomplishments, what they endured, and the support provided by community members.

As modern development encroaches on the farmlands, these memories risk being paved over. "Other immigrant families can claim equal or longer residencies. Many of them have contributed to the quality of life we enjoy. It is imperative that immigrants from other countries (and Indigenous Americans) are supported by the broader community in establishing productive lives here."

- Lina Hoshino and recently printed in the Petaluma Argus Courier and the Press Democrat

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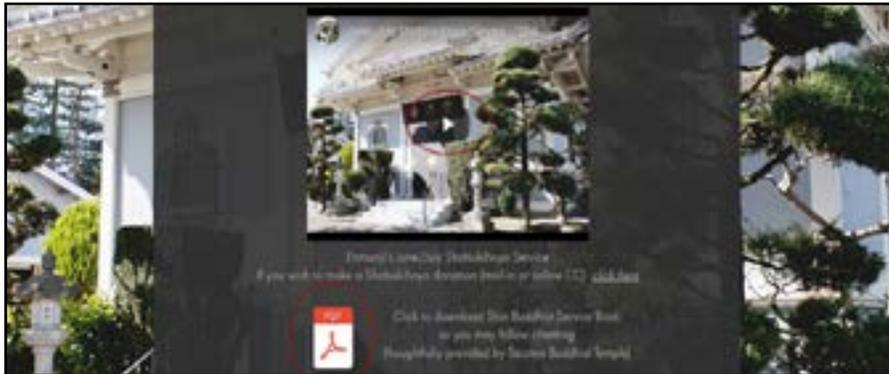
ENMANJI SERVICES AVAILABLE ONLINE

ENMANJI SERVICES can be accessed on the Enmanji website at www.enmanjitemple.com
Here you can find various links to church services and lectures.

TO ACCESS ENMANJI SHOTSUKIHOYO SERVICE for June and July:
log onto the Enmanji website at www.enmanjitemple.com
click on " *click here to view* "



ENMANJI SHOTSUKIHOYO SERVICE Click on triangle view to video of service
Click on PDF icon to download service manual for songs and chants



To Our JACL Friends,

As you all know, Sonoma County is in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. While under this shelter-in-place order, we hope you are safe and healthy. Please stay informed as this is a fluid and scary time. Below are the state and national websites that provide up-to-date and important information.

State of California's COVID-19 Response Site: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

The Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

As we're all impacted by the spread of COVID-19 to some degree, Sonoma County JACL wants to support you and your families during this time. Please let us know about community members that may need or want assistance during this health crisis. We would like to work with you to generate ideas on how to help our community – now and when we return to something closer to "normal." We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

We appreciate you being a part of the JACL and look forward to reconnecting once things are safer for all of Sonoma County.

Best regards, Sonoma County JACL Board

Contact us at: SonomaCountyJACL@gmail.com or info@sonomacojacl.org

If you have any suggestions for future activities you would like to include in our programs, food demos, movies, bowling, social-business expo, you name it. Please let us know!

Send us a message thru our website, www.sonomacojacl.org/contact-us/

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Annual Membership dues:

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Student (18 to 23 yrs) \$30
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Your membership includes a digital copy of the Pacific Citizen Newspaper. If you wish to receive the PACIFIC CITIZEN by mail, please add \$17.00

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Please send your
renewal forms
and checks to:

Sonoma County JA CL
c/o Membership Chair
515 Petaluma Ave.
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Membership chair will deposit your check into our account and then submit your membership info and National dues to National JA CL HQ office. This step is required because we have the extra requirement of submitting the balance due for those senior members whose membership dues are subsidized.