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Editorial

By Hazel Asamoto

The summer of 2007 will soon be a memory. But there is still time to take an enjoyable trip to the CJAF Community Picnic at the beautiful Summit County Metro Park. (See flyer). This event helps to fund our scholarship program so that we can help our young people succeed.

We were encouraged by the attendance at our Scholarship luncheon. Community support helps sustain the JACL organization. You can read about our 2007 JACL/CJAF Luncheon in this issue.

Your input is very important to us and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Congratulations Graduates

By Aiko Ebihara

The Cleveland JACL and the CJAF awarded seven scholarships at the scholarship luncheon held on Sunday, July 29 at Shinano Restaurant. The speakers for the luncheon were last year's winners Kristin Siebold and Adam Spannbauer.

The Cleveland Japanese American Foundation awarded three scholarships to:

- Beverly Doyle - Willoughby High School
- Felipe Matsunaga - Olmsted Falls High School
- Jessica Yost - Barberton High School

The Cleveland JACL awarded four scholarships:

- The 2007 Henry Tanaka Memorial Scholarship - Jacqueline Ohmura - Riverside High School-Painesville
- The 2007 Helen and Shigeru Furuki Memorial Scholarship - Anne Benco - Strongsville High School
- The 2007 Tom and Martha Oye Scholarship - Gavin Wandrey- Kenston High School Chagrin Falls
- The 2007 JACL Scholarship - Marley McDonough - Home School, Oberlin

The Cleveland JACL wishes to express its gratitude to the Tanaka, Furuki, Oye and Yasaki families for their most thoughtful and gracious contribution to our scholarship program. The scholarship program relies on private donations as well as memorial donations. I urge all of you to participate in our many JACL / CJAF community functions so that we may continue our scholarship program to assist our deserving graduates.

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Vital Statistics

Condolences

Alice Morihiko Hino passed away on January 18, 2007, a proud Cleveland JACL member for many years and served as President of Cleveland Chapter Japanese American Citizens League in 1950. She is survived by son, Mark Hino, sister Nancy Cowan, and daughter, Alison Hino.

Masayuki “Murphy” Tashima, 85, passed away on July 24, 2007 in Walton Hills, Oh. Masy is survived by his brother Yoshiyuki (Yoshie) Tashima, his sister Kimiko (Shiro) Shiozawa, sister-in-laws Mary (Harold) Tashima, Frances (Takayuki) Tashima, Janet (Noriyuki) Tashima, many nieces and nephews and his wonderful Tomi Andow and her family. Memorial services are pending.

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Did you know.....

Baker & Hostetler appoints recruiter; partner **Ronald Okada**, coordinator of the litigation practice group in its Cleveland office and a member of the firm’s policy committee. In his new role, he will coordinate a national recruiting program among Baker’s 10 offices. Baker is among the nation’s 100 largest law firms with 620 attorneys coast to coast. Ronald Okada is the son of the late Shig and Mary Okada .

Excerpts from the Plain Dealer Business Section, July 14, 2007

Heather Sakai of Cleveland swirls her hooped skirt as drummers, including those from Sakai’s group, Passport Project, participate in the Ingenuity Festival’s “Samba for 1,000 Drums’ on Thursday, July 19, 2007.

Photo in Plain Dealer, Friday, July 20th,2007- Metro Section.

Peter Yasunaga Guinto, who received the 1978 Scholarship Award, is the son of Dr.Pedro and Kay Guinto They had six children in college last year, and three of them graduated from the University of Akron this spring. They are Peter C, a BS, Jennifer F, JD, and Michael, BS. ---all cum laude. Peter has accepted a scholarship to the Law School in Akron, Jennifer has accepted a job with an Akron law firm, and Mike is employed by an engineering/construction company.

- The 2007 Henry Tanaka Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sachi Tanaka and family have designated the Cleveland JACL Scholarship Fund to be the recipient of donations in memory of her husband. Henry Tanaka will always be remembered as “Mr. JACL” both locally and nationally. He was passionate about the organization, reminding all of what it stood for and what it could do for its people. In his later years, he devoted his time to establishing the Cleveland Chapter’s JACL Education Committee and he always looked forward to the local scholarship luncheon. He asked that the local program be continued for the symbolic reasons that we are proud of the accomplishments of our young people and we want to recognize them for their efforts.

- The 2007 Helen and Shigeru Furuki Memorial Scholarship

Bette Idemoto and Ted Furuki, daughter and son of the late Helen and Shigeru Furuki have designated the Cleveland JACL Scholarship Fund to be the recipient of donations in memory of their parents. Both Helen and Shig were active members of the Cleveland Japanese community. Helen was an avid bridge player and member of CARP. Shig was a vital part of the Cleveland Nisei Tennis Club, bridge club and a member of CARP. The first recipient of this award was Adam Spannbauer in 2006.

- The 2007 Tom and Martha Oye Scholarship

This award is given by their son Tom, in honor of his parents. Tom’s father was born in Salem, Oregon. He received a scholarship from the Methodist Church to go to Willamette University to major in pre-law. Before he could go to law school, the war broke out and he enlisted with the 442/100th Battalion. He saw action in Italy and France where he was awarded a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. At the outbreak of the Korean War, he enlisted in the Army Reserves where he served for 17 years. Tom’s mother, Martha, was raised in Seattle, Washington. She was interned in Minadoka, Idaho, met and married Tom in camp. After camp, she and her husband moved to Chicago and then to Minnesota.

The 2007 Scholarship Winners

Top row, left to right, Marley McDonough, Gavin Wandrey, Anne Benco, Felipe Matsunaga. Bottom row, left to right, Jessica Yost, Jacqueline Ohmura, Beverly Doyle.



48th Annual JA Scholarship Awards - A Success

By Jerry Omori

A record number of scholarships were award at the JAACL/CJAF scholarship presentation on Sunday July 29th, 2007 at the Shinano Restaurant. Master of ceremony Bill Sadataki opened the event with a brief history of the inception of both scholarships. 2006 scholarship winners Kristen Siebold and Adam Spannbauer who attended Baldwin Wallace College and Ashland University respectively shared their experiences of the first year of college Life.

The larger than usual number of scholarships were made possible through contributions from the Henry Tanaka Family, Helen and Shigeru Furuki family, and the Tom and Martha Oye family, in addition to funds raised through the Legacy fund, the annual Holiday Fair, the CJAF picnic and individual contributions.

CJAF scholarships were awarded to:

Beverly Doyle - Kent State University

Felipe Matsunaga – University of Pennsylvania

Jessica Yost – Muskingum College

JAACL scholarships were awarded to:

Jacqueline Ohmura - The Ohio State University

Anne Benco --- Otterbein College

Gavin Wendry – Grove City College

Marley McDonough - Ashland University

Larger than normal attendance and the usual good food served by the Shinano Restaurant made for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

History of the JAACL/CJAF Scholarships

In 1959, the Cleveland Japanese American Citizens League (JAACL) established a Scholarship Fund to give recognition to high school graduates and to those who have exemplified academic excellence and involvement in community activities. The Scholarship Fund maintained by the income from the Cleveland Chapter Endowment (Legacy) created in 1990.

*Individual contributions to the JAACL Scholarship Fund are welcome and are tax-deductible.
C/o Keith Asamoto, Treasurer, 2783 Lancashire Rd. #15, Cleveland Hts., OH 44106*

In 1969, the Cleveland Japanese American Foundation (CJAF) established additional scholarship awards for high school graduates. The CJAF Scholarship Fund is made possible by proceeds from the annual Japanese Community Picnic sponsored by the Foundation. Individual contributions are welcome and tax-deductible.

The Cleveland JAACL and the CJAF extend their appreciation to individuals and organizations who have continued to give active and generous support to the scholarship programs so that deserving recognition can be given each year to high school and college graduates

CARP Tidbits

By Eva Hashiguchi

The CARP's July 26th picnic at Strawberry Lane started off with drizzling rain, but favorable weather arrived and group #3 picnic chairperson, Yuki Nakaji and her crew served close to 80 people. Louise (Matsuoka) from Las Vegas donated a huge delicious sheet cake in memory of her father, Tosh Matsuoka. She also donated bags of caramel popcorn for door prizes. Thank You! President Harry Taketa treated the picnic goers with platters of o-su-shi in memory of wife, Sally Taketa. The members and guests devoured it all, thank you! Thanks also go to all who donated side dishes – Yuki Sakaguchi's kuri – manju, as always delicious, Kay Sankovich and Yoshiko Baker's go mo ku gohan' also did a fast disappearing act. Special thanks to John Akiba and Jim Furukawa for volunteering to barbecue the hamburgers and hot dogs at each of our picnics and Andy Bacnik for making the coffee.

The month of June is CARP's annual membership renewal time. Treasurer John Ochi will accept \$12.00 checks made out to CARP. Welcome aboard to the new group #1 co-chairpersons: Kay Negrelli, Emiko Stidd and Sue Bacnik. The CARP group strongly exists because "anyone and everyone pitches in to help wherever is needed"!

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A Nisei, Japanese American Remembered.....

By The Editor

Masy Tashima was Supervisor of the Data Processing Unit at Gray Drug in Cleveland for many years. After retirement he was a popular host at Shujiro Restaurant in Cleveland Heights, Ohio and also a host at Sapporo Japanese Restaurant in Columbus, Ohio. He was passionate about golf, his golfing buddies and his beloved bowling league. He was an active member of the Cleveland Association of Retired Persons (CARP) and Japanese American Citizen League (JACL) Cleveland Chapter.

His concern for the JACL organization was always present since he was a long time member of the organization. He served as President of the Cleveland Chapter 1966, 1971 and Editor of The Bulletin in the 1960's. In 2004, Masy was one of several Ohio internees who were interviewed by seventh grade students of Harmon Middle School in Aurora, Ohio. To preserve their stories, the students printed biographies of the internees. This was all made possible by a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and the work of the Cleveland JACL Speakers' Bureau Group.

Many of us, young and old alike will miss Masy's friendliness, his concerns, and just because he was an all around wonderful nice guy!

*A footnote from Joyce Ito

And perhaps what a lot of us remember was his passion for his beloved Ohio State Buckeyes. He was a 1948 graduate of Ohio State and a long time football season ticket holder. Many among us in the Cleveland JACL area are also Ohio State graduates. Whether it was one of those trips back to campus or afterwards, he was somehow always willing to share or part with tickets for a game during the season. So wherever his final resting place should be, here's hoping he's surrounded with buckeyes, and scarlet and gray.



Speaker's Bureau Report

By Ed Ezaki

I missed the last Bulletin so I'll be playing catch-up with this issue.

On April 22nd I had a very memorable evening speaking to a group at the Avon Lake Presbyterian Church. Nicholas Yoda an Associate Pastor read an article in a Family Magazine on my internment and contacted me to set up a presentation at his church.

A group of 40 Avon residents responded to the article put in the Avon Community paper and a board advertising my name in from of the church. The group consisted of a fellow G.M. worker and his wife from the Chevy Plant, the wife and son of a long time friend of mine dating back to 1946, and a co-worker of Ben Ebihara at NASA. The Pastor of the church shared a fact that members of the 442nd RCT saved his brother's life in Europe during World War II. I really enjoyed speaking to this group and answering their questions.

On May 24th I traveled to Ashtabula Edgewood Senior High School for a presentation to two classes. It was during my presentation that I suffered a mild stroke that numbed the entire right side of my body. Fortunately I was able to finish my presentation and make it home and to the hospital.

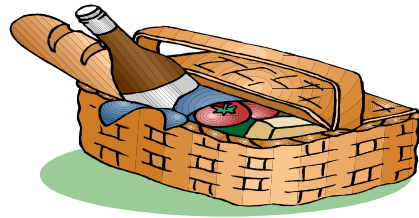
I would like to thank everyone for their get well wishes. I can tell you that they worked! I received many get well wishes from our community and from the two classes plus the seniors at St. Therese and their pastor. I feel that my speedy recovery was due to the may well wishes I received. Thank you all!

On June 29th I felt the need to quickly jump back on the horse again so I traveled to Avon Lake again to speak to the B. F. Goodrich Retirees. I spoke to an interested group and they asked many good questions that extended an hour presentation to over an hour and a half.

I'll be looking forward to an extended summer vacation. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the JAACL Board for the recognition plaque. It will hold a special place of honor in my home.

2007 COMMUNITY PICNIC

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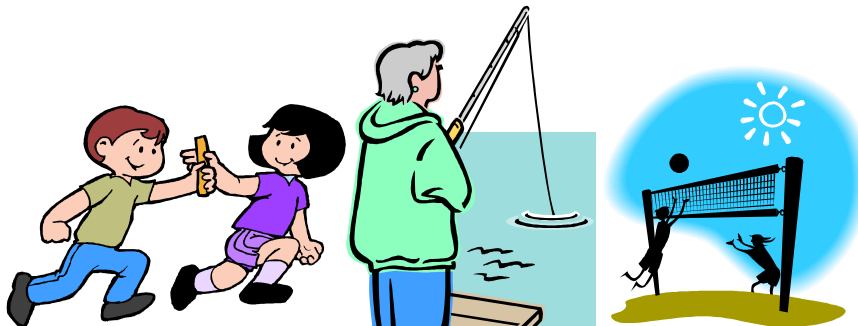
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SUMMIT COUNTY METRO PARK**

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SERVICE ACTIVITIES OR SEND TO:
John Ochi, 868 Lander Road
Highland Heights, Ohio, 44143

Bring your family and friends and enjoy the outdoors for a Fun Day at a picnic

Special Attraction: JACL Icho Daiko / Mame Daiko Taiko Drumming Group

Activities: Undo-Dai (Games, Relays, Prizes for children of all ages, eating
(Obento), Hiking, Relaxing, Bring a pole for little fishing, Volleyball



Directions to Furnace Run:

Take I-77 South to the Miller Road Exit. Turn left (East) on Miller Road and continue until Brecksville Road. Turn right (South) on Brecksville Road. You will pass Snowville Road on the left and the Quality Inn on the right. As you pass under the Freeway over pass, immediately on the right is Townsend Road. Turn right (West). The Brushwood Shelter is about ¼ mile on the right.

Recipe of the Month

Somen Salad

1 pkg. somen, cooked	Dressing:	
½ head lettuce, shredded	4 T. toasted sesame seeds,	
chashu, chicken/ham	4 T. sugar	
thinly sliced	2 t. salt	
2 eggs, fried, thinly sliced	½ c. oil	
1 red kamaboko (fish cake)	6 T. vinegar	
thinly sliced	4 T. soy sauce	1
3 green onions, slivered		
shoga (ginger in brine)		
thinly sliced		

Place somen (thin Japanese noodles) in large plate. Sprinkle lettuce, meat, eggs, kamaboko and green onions over somen. Garnish with shoga. Shake dressing well and pour over top.

Variation: Add a few drops of sesame oil to dressing. Shrimp or imitation crab may also be added or substituted for the meat. Or use any Asian style dressing.

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