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Japanese American Citizens League – San Mateo Chapter
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San Mateo JACL is dedicated to promoting the historical and cultural understanding of the Japanese American experience and to protecting and advancing the human and civil rights of our multi-ethnic society through educational and community programs.

Articles must be submitted before the first Friday (one month prior to publication) steveokamoto1@gmail.com

Community Center

The next event is the Holiday Fair/Bake Sale on November 12 from 10 AM to 4 PM. We have reduced the rummage section and are trying to make this a Japanese artifact sale. If you have any Japanese dishes to sell and/or baked goods please bring to the center.
December 13th is the year-end Holiday Luncheon at 11:00 AM. Cost is \$5.
All are welcome but you must sign up at the center.

NATIONAL NEWS

Washington D.C.- Volunteering opportunities are available for the various celebrations to honor the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) in Washington D.C. All three units are being honored by Congressional Leadership with a Congressional Gold Medal on November 2, 2011 at Capitol Hill. Various volunteering opportunities are available from October 31 - November 3.

Please contact Jean Shiraki in the JACL Washington DC Office at 202-223-1240 or email jshiraki@jacl.org for more information.

[I. Comcast: Internet Essentials Program](#)

To learn about this great program please click [here](#).

II. Support JACL's BOOST Campaign or Become a Member Today!

Support the JACL's New BOOST Campaign by clicking [here](#). Contact National JACL Membership Coordinator, Phillip Ozaki, for more information.

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS?

The San Mateo County Chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans is accepting applications for its premier “Speak and Lead with Pride” program, a hands-on course designed to teach leadership skills and the art of public speaking to students *who may not have had any previous training*. After completion of the 6-week course, participants will gain self confidence with enhanced public speaking and leadership abilities. The course concludes with a speech competition for a \$500 cash prize.

**When: Every Saturday, 10:00AM - Noon
Feb. 11, 2012 thru March 24, 2012
[Skip Saturday, Feb. 18]**

Where: Foster City Recreation Center

Cost: Free.

Due to the nature of the course, space is limited. Applicants are high school Asian-American students who must commit to attend all six Saturdays plus a final speech competition on a weekday evening following the end of the program [temporarily, March 27 or 28, 2012]. Applicants must submit a recommendation from her/his school counselor or teacher.

Applications and other information are available from your school counselor or visit <http://www.ocasanmateo.org/speakandlead/>

Deadline to apply: Friday, December 2, 2011



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