

## San Mateo JACL to Co-Host Candidates' Night for the June 2006 Primary

### *Highlights Summary*

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### *Detailed Information*

#### **For Immediate Release**

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Invited candidates include those for County supervisor in two districts, State Senate, State Assembly, Congress, and other races. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the candidates and ask the candidates questions about them and their candidacy. Candidates will make a brief introduction and then time will be allotted for questions from the audience. Refreshments will be served.

A brief presentation will be made about changes to voters registration requirements and primary voting by voters who have not declared a party affiliated.

Candidates' Night is part of an ongoing civic education program by the San Mateo County OCA Chapter, the JACL San Mateo Chapter, and the Filipino American Coalition. OCA is a national, non-profit civic and education organization established in 1973 and with 45 chapters throughout the nation and headquarters in Washington, D.C. The San Mateo County OCA Chapter was established in 1987 and has over 200 members. The San Mateo JACL Chapter is the oldest Asian American civic organization in the United States, with headquarters in San Francisco and 600 members in the San Mateo Chapter. The Filipino American Coalition is an established county-wide organization dedicated to the civil rights and community development of Filipino Americans in San Mateo County. None of our organizations can or will endorse candidates for elective public office.

## San Mateo's 6th Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration 2006

Saturday, May 20, 2006 - 12:30 to 4:30 pm  
San Mateo Central Park Recreation Center  
50 East 5th Ave. San Mateo, 94401

For more information, visit [www.asianamericanbooks.com/apahc.htm](http://www.asianamericanbooks.com/apahc.htm)

## Congressman Mike Honda Congratulates 2005 Scholarship Recipients

On April 30, 2005 San Mateo JACL held its first Scholarship Luncheon at Dominic's Restaurant at the Poplar Creek Golf Course. Our chapter honored four local high school students with scholarships. Kristine Chiba, Kelley Hasegawa, Justine Morey, and Robert Takahashi were the 2005 recipients. United States Congressman Mike Honda was the keynote speaker. Congressman Honda delivered an uplifting speech which encouraged and informed the student recipients and others in attendance. He commended each student individually as he presented them with a special certificate. Assemblymember Leland Yee and South San Francisco Councilwoman Karyl Matsumoto were in attendance, as well as Wade Loo from Organization of Chinese Americans. It was an outstanding event!



*2005 Scholarship Recipients pose with Rep. Honda*

Many thanks to Brent Nakagiri and Heidi Tanaksubo for their leadership in developing a revitalized [scholarship program](#). Our chapter plans to make this a yearly event. Thanks also to committee members: Craig Ichiuji, Steve Katayama, April Smith, and Mary Jo Kubota-Arcarese.