

KOKORO

TANFORAN ASSEMBLY CENTER MEMORIAL



Assembly Center Rendering

internationally known architectural firm, RHAA. RHAA is most known for creating the design and renovation of Union Square in San Francisco.

The event was held at the San Bruno BART station on Saturday, October 31st commencing at 11am. The keynote speaker was Congresswoman Jackie Speier who has been a long time supporter of the Tanforan project. Acting as the MC for the program will be former television newswoman, Wendy Hanamura. Wendy is also known for a documentary she produced entitled "Honor Bound; A Personal Journey", a story of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team seen through the eyes of her father, Sgt. Howard Hanamura.

The Tanforan Assembly Center Memorial Committee (TACMC), in cooperation with BART, presented a reception to celebrate the commencement of a capital campaign to raise funds to create and install a memorial. The memorial is to honor the almost 8,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were illegally incarcerated in hastily built barracks in the infield of the race track. The memorial, which will be placed at the San Bruno BART station, has been designed by the



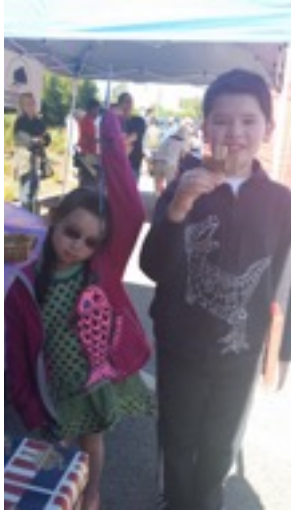
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KIMOCHI SILVER BELLS ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIRE

For the second year San Mateo JACL will sell Kumiki puzzles at the Kimochi Silver Bells Arts & Craft and Food Faire to be held at the Saint Mary's Cathedral Event Center, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Diana Okamoto and Mary Jo Kubota-Arcarese are selling gift wrapped puzzles and small puzzles transformed into holiday ornaments at this fabulous and fun event. We hope JACL friends and family will attend, shop for the holidays, and support Kimochi. All money generated from the puzzle sales will be donated to Kimochi. For more information call (415) 931-2294 or email at kimochikai@kimochi-inc.org.

MILLBRAE CULTURAL FESTIVAL



San Mateo JACL participated in our third year of having a booth at this annual event. We shared an informational booth with the staff from the San Mateo County History Museum and provided a koi flag art activity for the children in attendance. We also had a separate booth where we sold the Kumiki puzzles and had a hands on demo section. There was a great turn out at the event, and as always, had a blast eating fresh mochi, enjoying the skillful dances and singing, and creating the different colored koi flag art.

The boy pictured to the left, was the first in two years to complete the Kumiki puzzle. His sister, proudly displays her red koi that she colored.

ANNOUNCING 2016 JACL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The San Mateo Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is pleased to announce their scholarship program for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Applications will be available at www.jacl.org/ November 15, 2015. Eligible San Mateo County high school seniors are invited to submit applications to our chapter's Scholarship Chairperson by March 1, 2016. Winning applicants will be announced by April 1, 2016.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be seniors enrolled in a San Mateo County public or private high school.
- Applicants must be an active National JACL member at either an Individual or Student/Youth Level.(Parent membership will not meet this requirement.)
- Applicants will be partially judged on their involvement in the JA/Asian American community.
- Applicants must be planning to attend a college, university, trade school, business school or any other institution of higher learning within the United States.
- Applications for JACL membership can be downloaded at www.jacl.org/

Completed applications must be sent to: **San Mateo JACL, Scholarship, c/o Japanese American Community Center, 415 South Claremont, San Mateo, CA 94401**

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS?

The San Mateo County Chapter of OCA* is accepting applications for its premier “Speak and Lead with Pride” program, a hands-on course designed to teach the art of public speaking and leadership skills to high school 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: Six Saturdays, 10:00AM – Noon
Jan 30, Feb 6, Feb 20, Feb 27, Mar 5 & Mar 12
[Skip Feb 13 – Saturday before President’s day]
[Plus Final Speech Competition – Mar 16, 6-7:30 PM]
Where: Foster City Recreation Center
Cost: Free.

Due to the nature of the course, space is limited. Applicants are high school students who identify as Asian-Americans and who must commit to attend all six Saturdays plus a final speech competition on a weekday evening following the end of the program [tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Mar 16]. Applicants must submit a recommendation letter from their school counselor or teacher and their latest school transcript.

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

**Deadline to apply:
Thursday, December 3, 2015**

* OCA is a national membership driven organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs).

