



## *New England Chapter News* *Japanese American Citizens League*

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### **Japan Disaster Relief Events**

#### **Saturday, April 9, 12:30 to 1:30 pm**

O ya Restaurant offers a Saturday afternoon of "Sake 101" courses. Tickets are \$125 per person and 100% of the proceeds will go to the Japanese Disaster Relief Fund-Boston. The restaurant is also donating all proceeds from nightly sales of Sato no Homare sake. It's made by the Sudo Honke Brewery in Ibaraki Prefecture, an area heavily affected by the quake. To reserve a spot, call o ya Restaurant at 617-654-9900 or email [oya@oyarestaurant.net](mailto:oya@oyarestaurant.net)

#### **Sunday April 10, 9 am to 2 pm**

A Charity Yard Sale will be held to benefit the Japan Disaster Relief Fund. It will be held at 139 Sycamore St., Belmont, MA. For more information contact Reiko Shiota Akukwe at 617-669-5646, or email [marcheleven2011@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:marcheleven2011@yahoo.co.jp)

#### **Sunday, April 10, 4 pm**

A Benefit Concert will be held featuring members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and faculty of the New England Conservatory at the Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond St., Chestnut Hill. Performers include Keisuke Wakao, oboe; Roger Tapping, viola; Natasha Brofsy, cello; and Tamara Smirnova, violin. Suggested tax-deductible donation: \$25, students \$10.

#### **Wednesday, April 13**

"Crisis in Japan and the Road to Recovery" will be discussed by the Hon. Takeshi Hikiyama, Consul General of Japan in Boston, sponsored by Boston International at the Sloan School of Management at MIT, 100 Main St., Cambridge. The program will help to give a better understanding of the effects of the tragedy on the Japanese people and economy and will look at the government's response leading Japan to recovery. Tickets are \$12 and all proceeds will be donated to the Japanese Disaster Relief Fund-Boston. To register, go to: <http://crisisinjapan.eventbrite.com/>

#### **Sunday April 17, 5 to 8 pm**

A Sushi Spectacular! A gala reception featuring Japanese appetizers, sushi and sashimi, and music. A Master Sushi Chef will perform a maguro kaitai, preparing a whole tuna for sushi. At the InterContinental Boston, 510 Atlantic Ave., Boston. Tickets: \$150 per person. Sponsored by Oga's Restaurant, the Japan Society of Boston and the InterContinental Boston. For more information go to:

[www.japansocietyboston.org/oga](http://www.japansocietyboston.org/oga)

## ***NEWS Updates***

### **Save May 25 for the Chef's Table**

The New England Chapter of JAACL is partnering with New Asian Cuisine to sponsor a series of Chef's Table dinners for our members and friends. Each dinner will be at a different Asian restaurant in the Greater Boston area featuring the specialties of the house. You'll have an opportunity to meet the chef and ask him/her questions. Our first Chef's Table will be held on Wednesday, May 25. Details on cuisine, restaurant, and cost will be sent to you in late April.

### **Applicants sought for Masaoka Fellowship**

Applications are now available for the 2011 Mike Masaoka Fellowship program. Fellows are placed in the Washington, DC, Congressional offices of member of the U.S. Senate or House for six to eight months. The goal of the program is to develop future leaders for public service. Application deadline is May 2. For information and application forms, go to: <http://www.jaacl.org/leadership/masaoka.htm>

### **Our Family Legacy – Poston Reunion 2011**

A reunion for Postonites, relatives and friends is slated for October 7 to 9, 2011 in Laughlin, Nevada. Activities include a trip to the Poston Camp site, a social mixer, buffet dinner, DVD recordings of personal stories, and displays of pictures, memorabilia, books and copies of the Poston Chronicle.

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### **Concert by Nobuyuki Tsuji April 9**

Nobuyuki Tsuji, the 2009 Gold Medalist in the 13<sup>th</sup> Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, will be featured in a concert on Saturday, April 9 at 8 pm at the New England Conservatory, Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston. The program is presented by The Foundation for Chinese Performing Arts. Tickets: VIP reserved seating \$50; open seating \$30; student open seating \$15. For information call 781-259-8195 or visit [www.chineseperformingarts.net](http://www.chineseperformingarts.net)

### **A tasty annual event from AARW**

A Little Peace, AARW's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dessert Tasting Fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 16 from 7 to 10 pm at the Vietnamese American Community Center, 42 Charles St., Dorchester. The event will feature more than 30 desserts, both sweet and savory, prepared by some of the best bakers in the Asian American community. Tickets are

\$20 in advance, \$27 at the door. Children 10 years and younger \$10. Order online at: [www.aarw.org/dessertnight](http://www.aarw.org/dessertnight) or send name, address, number of tickets and check to: AARW, 888 Washington St., Suite 103, Boston, MA 02111-1446 by April 13. For information contact AARW at 617-426-5313 or email: [dessert@aarw.org](mailto:dessert@aarw.org)

### **Asian films in 2011 Boston Film Fest**

Five Asian films will be featured during the 2011 Boston International Film Festival, April 15 to 24. They are: *Cast Me If You Can* by Atsushi Ogata, Tuesday, April 19 at 3 pm. *The Desire: Journey of a Woman* by Sunanda Shetty on Friday, April 22 at 4:15 pm. *A Fresh Girl* by Jung Ho Kim on Friday, April 22 at 6:30 pm. *Bail Out* by Martin Lee and Hyusoo Moon on Friday, April 22 at 8:15 pm. *Touch* by Minh Duc Nguyen on Saturday, April 23 at 8:15 pm. All screenings are at the AMC Theatres, 175 Tremont St., Boston Common. For information visit [www.bifilmfestival.com](http://www.bifilmfestival.com)

### **Asian American Commission's Unity Dinner set for May 12**

The Massachusetts Asian American Commission's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Dinner will be held Thursday, May 12 from 6 to 9 pm at the Hei La Moon restaurant, 88 Beach St., Boston Chinatown. This event will honor Laura J. Sen, CEO of BJ's Wholesale Club. For information contact Jason Chou at 617-367-9333, ext. 662 or email: [aac@tre.state.ma.us](mailto:aac@tre.state.ma.us)

### **Asian American Literary Review available**

The second issue of The Asian American Literary Review features work by a host of authors including Canadian novelist Joy Kogawa and new poetry and prose by Kimiko Hahn, Prageeta Sharma, and Eric Gamalinda. Also featured are an interview with award winning writer Chang-rae Lee, a forum on Census 2010 and multiracialism, and a Library of Congress bibliography of "lost" small magazine and journal publications by Carlos Bulosan. For information visit [www.aalrmag.org](http://www.aalrmag.org)