



New England Chapter News *Japanese American Citizens League*

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JACL Scholarship Applications available

Applications are now available for the National JACL Scholarship and Awards Program. In 2012, more than 30 scholarships totaling more than \$70,000 will be awarded to qualified students nationwide. Scholarships are available on all levels, freshman, undergraduate, graduate. In addition, awards are made in the areas of study in law and creative & performing arts as well as based on financial need. To be eligible, the applicant must be an active National JACL member. For more information and application forms go to: <http://www.jacl.org/edu/scholar.htm>

Meet the Candidate Series: Elizabeth Warren

Thursday, December 1, 5 to 6:15 pm

Asian American Civic Association, 87 Tyler Street, 4th floor

Meet the Candidates is a non-partisan series of meetings between candidates for the US Senate and the Asian American community. Elizabeth Warren, a professor at Harvard University, is the fifth in a series of Senate candidates to participate in this series of meetings. This event is co-sponsored by a number of Massachusetts Asian American organizations, including New England JACL, to introduce the candidates to our community's unique issues and concerns and to increase voter participation and civic engagement in our community. To RSVP or for information contact one of the following:

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26th Annual Harry H. Dow Memorial Dinner

Friday, December 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

China Pearl Restaurant, 9 Tyler Street, Boston

Annual dinner to benefit the Harry H. Dow Memorial Legal Assistance Fund.

Highlighting the event will be the presentation of the Justice in Action Award to Sonia Chang-Diaz, Massachusetts State Senator. Keynote address will feature Suzanne Lee, activist, educator and former principal of the Josiah Quincy Elementary School and first Asian American woman to run for the Boston City Council. Tickets are \$125, Public Interest tickets are \$75. For information email dowfund25@gmail.com.

Introductory Taiko Workshop in Maine

Saturday, December 3, from 1 to 4 pm

The Dance Hall, 7 Walker Street, Kittery, ME

Elaine Fong, founder and former artistic director of Odaiko New England, leads a three-hour introductory workshop will have you learning to play taiko with ease as well as using your voice to create rhythmic flow. No experience necessary, wear loose and comfortable clothing. Cost: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. Enrollment is limited, so it is recommended that you register in advance. To register go to: http://www.thedancehallkittery.org/The_Dance_Hall/Classes.html.

Japanese Calligraphy Demonstration

Sunday, December 4, from noon to 3 pm

Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

Master artist Michiko Imai will demonstrate the ancient art of calligraphy. Imai has been awarded the highest rank in Japanese calligraphy called Shihan. Her work has been shown at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum and many other museums throughout Japan. Visitors will be invited to create a small calligraphy of their own. This is a drop-in program and visitors can stay as long as they like.

BAAFF Community Screening of *The Power of Two*

Thursday, December 8, at 7 pm

Arthur M. Sackler Center for Medical Education, 145 Harrison Avenue, Boston

This is the Boston Asian American Film Festival's final presentation. This documentary offers an intimate portrayal of the bond between half-Japanese twin sisters Anabel Stenzel and Isabel Stenzel Bymes, their battle with cystic fibrosis and survival through double lung transplants. For more information on the film go to www.thepoweroftwomovie.com. Admission is free, but reservations are required for access to the building. RSVP by Thursday, December 8, 12pm by going to <http://www.baaff.org/>.

Drop-in Recreational Taiko Classes

Fridays, December 9 and 16, from 7:45 to 9 pm

The Brookline Ballet School, 1431 Beacon Street, Brookline

Designed as an engaging social activity, the class focuses on trying something new and having fun, according to Karen Young, The Genki Spark founder and NE JACL member. Walk-ins are welcome on a space available basis. Fee is \$15. For information and to reserve a spot, email Karen@TheGenkiSpark.org or call 617-308-4900.

AARW Annual Membership Meeting & Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 10, from 10am to 3 pm

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, 5th floor, 38 Ash Street, Boston

The Holiday Bazaar will feature unique items and gifts, many of them handmade or homemade. The Bazaar is open from 10 to 11:30 am with a break for the AARW Annual Membership Meeting and lunch. The Bazaar resumes from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

A Taste of Korea: A Cooking Class Series

Saturdays, December 10 and January 14, from noon to 3 pm

Korean Church of Boston, 32 Harvard Street, Brookline

Boston Korean Adoptees, Inc., is presenting a series of Korean cooking classes with Choi Yong-Hee (Anne Choi) sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare. Choi is a seasoned chef and has worked in restaurants in Seoul and Boston. She will conduct hands-on classes featuring a variety of traditional Korean dishes including *kimchi*, pan-fried vegetables, soups, rice and *bulgogi*. Registration is \$10 per class for Boston Korean Adoptees members and \$20 for non-members. For more information and to register, go to www.bkadoptee.org/6.html. If you have any questions email cookingclass@bkadoptee.org.

Odaiko New England Winter Extravaganza

Saturday, December 10, at 7:30 pm

American Chinese Art Society, 29 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA

This is Odaiko's 4th Annual Winter Extravaganza. Students, members and apprentices will be performing with special guests sharing the stage. Also featured will be Odaiko's Bake Sale, Bazaar and Auction. Suggested donation: \$10. For more information call 781-938-DRUM or go to www.onetaiko.org.

6th Annual *We Are Boston* Gala 2011

Wednesday, December 14, from 5:45 to 8:30 pm

Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, 415 Summer Street, Boston

Annual event presented by the Mayor's office of New Bostonians to celebrate diversity, immigrant contributions and heritage. The evening will include an international buffet and dessert, community awards and performances by the Wheelock Family Theatre, Boston Children's Chorus and Larry Watson. For information call 617-635-2980 or go to www.wearebostongala.info.

PILGRIM FATHER/Illegal son: story of two immigrants

Through January 21, 2012

W/Y Gallery at the Chinese Progressive Association, One Nassau Street, Unit 2, Boston

A 54-foot graphic mural with text, by Wen-ti Tsen. It tells the stories of two illegal immigrants : One a present-day Chinese who overstays his visa and the other William Bradford of 17th Century England who sailed on the Mayflower.