



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

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**Saturday, Feb 20. *Remembering Internment: the Words and Images of Mine Okubo & Michi Weglyn.*** Save the date for our Day of Remembrance program! Featured guest speaker will be **Elena Tajima Creef**, author of *Mine Okubo: Following Her Own Road* and professor of Women's Studies at Wellesley College. The program will be held on the MIT campus from 3 to 5 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by New England JACL, the Asian American Resource Workshop, and MIT. This event will be held in MIT Building E25, room 117, at the intersection of Carleton Street and Charlotte's Way (see interactive map at <http://whereis.mit.edu/>.) Parking is nearby in the Hayward Street Lot or take the Red Line to the Kendall-MIT stop. A flyer with more details will be mailed out later this month.

**Wednesday, Jan 13. *Making Sense of the Census.*** A special program on the challenges facing the hard to count communities in 2010 will be held at UMass Boston this coming Wednesday from 9 to 11 am at the UMass Boston Campus Center, room 3540. Featured speaker will be Dr. Paul Watanabe, Director of the Institute for Asian American Studies and Member of the US Census Race and Ethnicity Advisory Committee. For more information, see attached flyer.

**Sunday, Jan 17. *Japan Society Oshogatsu Celebration.*** The Japan Society of Boston will host "2010 Year of the Tiger Oshogatsu: New Year's Celebration & Dinner" from 3 to 6 pm at the Boston Children's Museum. They'll be featuring dinner, performances and their New Years Raffle. Register early. Tickets are \$35 for Japan Society members, \$47 for non-members. Children under 12 are \$17 and under 2 are free. For more information and to register go to: [www.us-japan.org/boston/](http://www.us-japan.org/boston/)

**Sunday, Jan 17. *Ha Jin in Book Reading.*** Ha Jin discusses his recent book *A Good Fall*, a collection of stories on Chinese American life at a reading at the Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston St., Boston. The program begins at 1:30 pm and will also feature George Saunders, author of *The Braindead Megaphone*. The program is free and open to the public.

**Friday, Jan 29. *AARW Community Series: Movie Night.*** A weekly movie series from 6 to 8 pm. Details are being finalized. For information contact AARW at 617-436-5313 or go to [info@aarw.org](mailto:info@aarw.org).

**Tuesdays, Jan 19 thru May 4. *Recreational Taiko Class.*** Odaiko New England offers a semester-long class, open to everyone – no previous experience necessary. Classes will be held from 6:45 to 8:30 at the American Chinese Art Society Center, 29 Montvale Ave., Woburn.

Tuition is \$315 for 15 classes; \$300 for students; \$25 per class to drop-in. For more information go to: [www.onetaiko.org](http://www.onetaiko.org).

**Feb 2 & 3. Two Lisa See Book Events.** A reading at the Brookline Booksmith, 279 Harvard St., Brookline, at 7 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 2. This event is free and open to the public. Her latest work, *Shanghai Girls*, is being released in paperback. Primary Source in Watertown is hosting *An Evening with Lisa See* on Wednesday, Feb 4, with a reception at 6:30 pm and a lecture and discussion at 7pm. Suggested donation: \$10. To RSVP: [www.primarysource.org](http://www.primarysource.org).

**Scholarship Directory for Asian American and Pacific Islander Students.** State Farm, the JACL, Organization for Chinese Americans, and the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Maryland have collaborated on the 2009-2011 National Directory of Scholarships, Internships, and Fellowships for Asian American and Pacific Islander Students. It's available online at: <http://www.aast.umd.edu/scholarshipdirectory.html>.

**Applicants Sought for the 62<sup>nd</sup> Japan-America Student Conference.** Applications are being accepted until February 22 for this summer's Japan-America Student Conference. The goal of the program is to bring together students from the two countries, foster understanding, and make an impact on global issues. Each year, the month-long program alternates host countries. This year participants will travel between four cities, spending one week in each: Richmond, Indiana; Washington, DC; New Orleans, Louisiana; and San Francisco, California. The delegates will meet leaders in business, academia and government to discuss contemporary social, economic and political issues that face both countries and the world. For more information and application forms, visit: [http://iscdc.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=44&Itemid=69](http://iscdc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=44&Itemid=69)

**AARW Seeks Bakers!** The AARW is looking for the regions best bakers to volunteer to create scrumptious tidbits – sweet and savory – for its 4<sup>th</sup> annual dessert tasting fundraiser in April. Interested bakers will receive a complementary ticket to the event. Bakers must register in advance. For more information call 617-426-5313 or email [bostondessertnight@gmail.com](mailto:bostondessertnight@gmail.com).

**Ricesticks and Tea, Boston's Asian Community Food Pantry.** Ricesticks and Tea (RST) is a volunteer-run community program that serves low-income, limited or non-English speaking immigrants by providing culturally appropriate food staples and language assistance. Food items distributed include jasmine rice, cooking oil, dried red beans, tofu, and Asian noodles. Monthly, RST benefits up to 120 families, representing more than 300 kids, adults and seniors. Contributions at any level to this year-round program are greatly appreciated. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information contact: [ricesticksandtea@gmail.com](mailto:ricesticksandtea@gmail.com).

**High School Applicants Needed for Princeton Prize in Race Relations.** The Princeton Prize promotes harmony, respect and understanding among people of different races by honoring high school students who have had a significant effect on race relations in their schools or communities. Winners receive up to \$1000 and a trip to Princeton University to attend a symposium on race in the Spring. For information go to: <http://www.princeton.edu/pprize/>.

**AARW Writers' Group.** All writers are invited to join this group to share your writing, give and get feedback, and participate in group writing exercises. For info contact Pong Louie at [p.louie6@rcn.com](mailto:p.louie6@rcn.com) or call the AARW office at (617) 426-5313 and leave a message with your name, phone number and email address.