



New England Chapter News *Japanese American Citizens League*

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Join us at the *Chef's Table* with NEJACL and New Asian Cuisine

You are invited to the *Chef's Table* on Wednesday, May 25, at 7 pm at the Daikanyama Restaurant at Bloomingdale's in Chestnut Hill. The *Chef's Table* is a new series of Asian food and restaurant events being co-sponsored by New Asian Cuisine and NE JACL. Featured will be the Miyabi Zen meal that includes a variety of traditional Japanese dishes. You'll have an opportunity to meet chef Daisuki Shimizu and ask him about the food you have eaten. Tickets are \$50, reservation deadline is Friday, May 20. Seating is limited, so make your reservation early. For more information contact Margie Yamamoto at yamamoto@nejacl.org, or call 781-259-9444. Full details are in the attached flyer.

New Asian Cuisine joins NE JACL in sponsoring events

New Asian Cuisine, the web site that covers everything about Asian food and contemporary Asian recipes, is joining with NE JACL to sponsor a series of "Chef's Table" events. The most recent issue featured recipes from Singapore that included Soy Braised Chicken, Beef Chow Fun and Pandanus Chiffon Cake. To receive a free subscription to their weekly newsletter, go to <http://newasiancuisine.com/> and click on "Subscribe."

Japan Disaster Relief Events

Sunday, May 8 beginning 11:30 am

A Japan Emergency Cookie Sale at the Weston United Methodist Church, 377 North Avenue (corner of Route 117 and Conant Road), Weston. Proceeds will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Advance #3021317 Japan Emergency for the victims of Earthquake and Tsunami. The event is being organized by Kimiko Nakashima. More than 20 volunteer bakers will donating cookies for the event.

Wednesday, May 11, 5 to 7 pm

Spring Sake Tasting, at Basho Japanese Brasserie, 1338 Boylston St., Boston. Proceeds will benefit The Japan Disaster Relief Fund-Boston. Presented by the Japan Society of Boston, The Sake Exporters Association of Japan, Jack Huang's Basho Japanese Brasserie and o ya restaurant. Cost: \$100. To register go to: www.japansocietyboston.org/ and click on Spring Sake Tasting.

APA film screening at WGBH on May 10

A Song for Ourselves will be screened at the WGBH studios in Brighton on Tuesday, May 10 at 6 pm. The screening will include a sneak preview of a Boston Asian American Film Festival's *Short Waves* Open Call film. The films will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Lisa Mullins of PRI's radio program *The World*. *A Song for Ourselves* is a film by Tadashi Nakamura offering a personal journey into the life and music of Asian American Movement musician Chris Iijima. The WGBH Studios are located at One Guest Street in Brighton. Seating is limited and reservations are necessary. Reserve your tickets by May 5 by going to: www.wgbh.org/apaevent

Unity Dinner set for May 12

The Massachusetts Asian American Commission's Unity Dinner is slated for Thursday, May 12 from 6 to 9 pm at Hei La Moon Restaurant, 88 Beach St., Boston. Laura J. Sen, President and CEO of BJ's Wholesale Club, will be honored at this year's event. Tickets are \$100. For information and reservations, go to: www.mass.gov/treasury/aac and select "Events."

ACDC Inspiration Gala set for May 26

The Asian Community Development Corporation is holding its annual Gala on Thursday, May 26 from 6 to 9 pm at the Prudential Skywalk Observatory, 50th floor, Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston St., Boston. This year, the event will honor State Representative Tackey Chan with its Inspiration Award and Paul W. Lee, Partner, Goodwin Proctor LLP, with its Caroline Chang Leadership Award. Tickets start at \$150. For information and reservations go to: <http://www.asiancdc.org/content/inspiration-gala>

Asian American Civic Assn. Annual Gala in June

The Asian American Civic Association is celebrating 44 years of service to the immigrant communities in Massachusetts with a gala on Thursday, June 9 at 6:30 pm at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 50 Park Plaza at Arlington St., Boston. The evening will feature a special performance by jazz Saxophonist Grace Kelly, a Community Service Award to Che3f Ming Tsai, and raffles and more. Tickets start at \$150. RSVP by May 27th. For information and reservations go to: <http://gala.aaca-boston.org/>

APA Heritage Month on WGBH Radio

WGBH Radio 99.5, Sundays at 10 am, *Classical Music with James David Jacobs* "Thinking Japan" features notable performances by Japanese orchestras as well as collaborations between musicians of Massachusetts and Japan. Listen online at: www.995allclassical.org

APA Heritage Month on WGBH TV

During May, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, WGBH has scheduled a number of films of interest to all Asian American. Check with your cable provider's listing to find the channel number for WGBH World. For a complete listing of programs go to: www.wgbh.org. Highlights are listed below:

Sunday, May 8, 4 pm, WGBH World

Two Films by Tadashi Nakamura:

Pilgrimage – the story of how Japanese Americans in the late 1960s turned the Manzanar concentration camp into a symbol of retrospection and solidarity for all people.

A Song for Ourselves – the story of Asian American troubadour Chris Iijima.

Repeats: May 8 at 7 and 11 pm and May 10 at 6 pm on WGBH World.

Sunday, May 8, WGBH World, 10 pm

Global Voices: Please Vote for Me – efforts of three 8-year-old students campaigning for class monitor in an elementary school in Wuhan, China.

Monday, May 9, WGBH World, 7 pm

Fiji Firewalkers

Wednesday, May 11, WGBX 44, 10 pm

Globe Trekker: Central China

Thursday, May 12, WGBH 2, 9 pm

Journey of the Bonesetter's Daughter – story of the creation of the San Francisco Opera's production based on the Amy Tan book.

Repeat: May 14, WGBX 44, 2 pm.

Thursday, May 12, WGBH 2, 10 to 10:30 pm, Channel 2

You Don't Know Jack Soo. This film by Jeff Adachi tells the story of pioneering Japanese American entertainer Jack Soo, an Oakland native who became the first Asian American in a lead role in a regular television series, *Valentine's Day* and later featured in the popular comedy series *Barney Miller*.

Friday, May 13, WGBH World, 8:30-10 pm

American Masters: Hollywood Chinese by Arthur Dong

Saturday, May 14, WGBH World, 9 pm

Oh, Saigon

Wednesday, May 18, WGBH World, 8 pm

Independent Lens: Beetle Queen Conquers Tokyo. An exploration of the history of Japan's love affair with bugs

Repeat: May 19, WGBX 44, 9 pm

Tuesday, May 24, WGBH 2, 8 pm

Secrets of the Dead: China's Terracotta Army

Repeat: May 29, WGBX 44, 10 pm

Sunday, May 29, WGBH 2, 10 pm

Most Honorable Son. The story of Ben Kuroki who volunteered for the US Army Air Corps during World War II and became the first Japanese American war hero. Repeat: Monday, May 30 at 2:30 am, WGBH 2.