



## *New England Chapter News*

### *Japanese American Citizens League*

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Dear friends,

A very short newsletter this month with information on a few virtual events that might be of interest. We hope you are all staying healthy and safe.

New England JACL

### **WGBH to host virtual event featuring *Asian Americans* series**

Boston's PBS station is bringing its annual Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month celebration online on **Monday, May 4 from 7 to 8 pm**. The virtual event will feature film clips from *Asian Americans*, a new five-hour PBS series, followed by a discussion moderated by Pam Eddinger, president of Bunker Hill Community College. Panelists will include, S. Lee Chiang, producer; Renee Tajima-Pena, series producer; and Winifred C. Chin, co-author of *Paper Son, One Man's Story*. To register for this event, go to:

<https://www.wgbh.org/apaevent>.

*Asian Americans* will be broadcast on PBS stations nationwide (WGBH in Boston) on **May 11 and 12**. The series delivers a bold, fresh perspective on a history that matters today, more than ever. As America becomes more diverse and more divided while facing unimaginable challenges, how do we move forward together? Told through intimate personal stories, the series will cast a new lens on U.S. history and the ongoing role that Asian Americans have played.

Episode 1: ***Breaking Ground*** – The immigrant generations from China, India, Japan, the Philippines, and beyond. Their challenges and successes.

Episode 2: ***A Question of Loyalty*** – Loyalties tested during World War II, families imprisoned, brothers fighting on opposite sides.

Episode 3: ***Good Americans*** – The Cold War years, the “Model Minority” and still targeted as foreigners, aspiring for national political office.

Episode 4: ***Generation Rising*** – A young generation fights for equality, new identity as Asian Americans, new Asian American immigrants.

Episode 5: ***Breaking Through*** – New conflicts over immigration, race, economic disparity, and shifting world order. A new generation of Asian Americans.

### **Sus Ito featured on CNN web site**

The late Sus Ito was prominently featured on April 29 in an Opinion piece on the CNN's online web site. The article was written by Daniel Lubetzky, the founder and executive chairman of Kind (makers of Kind bars) and the Kind Foundation. He relates the story about how his uncle Larry Lubetzky, a survivor of the Dachau concentration camp in Germany, met Sus when the 442nd was fighting in Europe. To read the article, go to:

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/29/opinions/susumu-ito-dachau-coronavirus-opinion-lubetzky/index.html>

## No updates from Tsuru for Solidarity

We have received no new updates from Tsuru for Solidarity. In their April message their deadline for folded tsuru was moved to May 15 and they asked:

***“Please continue to fold!** We plan to collect tsuru until we reach our initial goal of 125,000. New deadline, May 15. Please do not mail them to the collection points in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and Washington, DC. Hold on to them for now, but let us know your count by emailing [tsuruforsolidarity@gmail.com](mailto:tsuruforsolidarity@gmail.com) and writing “Tsuru count” in the subject line. Take a picture of yourself and your Tsuru and tag us in social media so we can share!”*

We have not received any follow-up information. Like the rest of us, the organization is probably strongly impacted by the current pandemic. It would be best to check Tsuru for Solidarity directly for any updates on their activities. Go to their web site:

<https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/>

## Virtual visit to the 2020 Manzanar Pilgrimage

The San Jose JACL and the Manzanar Committee hosted virtual programs on April 24 in lieu of the annual Manzanar Pilgrimage.

From the Manzanar Committee:

<https://manzanarcommittee.org/2020/04/25/virtual-pilg/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=a03e7e12-ba2b-4fe1-991c-ef13708e5fa2>

For the San Jose program:

<https://sanjosejacl.org/blog/2020-virtual-pilgrimage-to-manzanar?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=a03e7e12-ba2b-4fe1-991c-ef13708e5fa2>

## Make your own origami box with a lid

Here’s an origami that anyone can make. We like it because it is so easy (have you ever tried to teach someone to make a tsuru?) and something you might be able to use. It’s from the Japanese American National Museum. Go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6Gj31oqGiU>