

**60th Anniversary**

**Japanese American Citizens League  
Florin Chapter**

# ***Orbiting Into The 21st Century***

November 4, 1995  
Red Lion Hotel, Sacramento CA



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November 4, 1995

Dear Florin JACLers, Guests and Friends:

On behalf of the Florin Chapter, Japanese American Citizens League, I would like to welcome you to our 60th Anniversary Dinner Celebration.

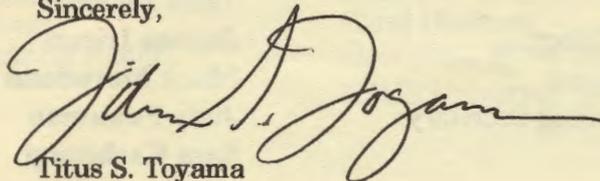
In 1935, a group of Issei and Nisei from the Florin area decided that their community needed to establish a local chapter of the JACL. The national JACL itself had been established only six years earlier, and our pioneer JACLers must have realized the need to become part of this movement. By establishing a JACL Chapter, Florin would have an organization that promoted and preserved our cultural heritage, addressed issues affecting the local Japanese American community, and helped connect Florin with other Japanese Americans throughout California and, indeed, the rest of the nation.

In 1995, six decades later, I believe that our Florin JACL exists for the same reasons and carries on the vision of our Nikkei pioneers. Today, we preserve our heritage through such ongoing efforts as the Oral History project and supporting Japanese cultural programs. We address issues affecting the local Japanese American community by taking a stand and mobilizing our members against the fire bombers and sponsoring educational forums on anti-Asian violence. We help Florin relate to Japanese Americans living in other parts of the country by being actively involved in the National JACL organization and supporting national efforts on such issues as redress and affirmative action.

And what will the Florin JACL be doing in the years to come? The issues and challenges will change, driven by dynamic forces in our society. But I believe that the mission that our JACL was founded upon -- preserving our heritage, helping Japanese Americans deal effectively with issues in the community, and connecting Florin to Japanese Americans nationally -- will continue to be the principles that will propel us into the next century.

Our Anniversary celebration, then, is a tribute to the Florin JACL pioneers as well as a challenge to carry their vision forward in the years to come. It is only fitting that this occasion is being combined with a major fund raising effort for the Japanese American Archival Collection at California State University Sacramento, which preserves treasured historical items from the local Japanese American Community and the Florin JACL Oral History Project. At the same time, by joining us tonight as we commemorate 60 years of service to the community, you are also helping to launch the Florin JACL into the 21st Century. We appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,



Titus S. Toyama  
Chapter President, 1995

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**CHAPTER ORGANIZED: AUGUST 16, 1935**

1935 - 36	<b>Toshio Kiino</b>
1937	<b>Alfred Tsukamoto</b>
1938	<b>John Hirohata</b>
1939	<b>Hugh M. Kiino</b>
1940	<b>Sam Okamoto</b>

**CHAPTER REACTIVATED: DECEMBER 10, 1947**

1947 - 48	<b>Alfred Tsukamoto</b>	1969 - 70	<b>William Kashiwagi</b>
1949	<b>Woodrow Ishikawa</b>	1971 - 74	<b>Dr. David Asahara</b>
1950	<b>Charles Nishi</b>	1975 - 76	<b>William Kashiwagi</b>
1951	<b>Jack Kawamura</b>	1977	<b>Toshi Fukushima</b>
1952	<b>Sam Tsukamoto</b>	1978 - 79	<b>Paul Takehara</b>
1953	<b>Bill Okamoto</b>	1980 - 82	<b>William Kashiwagi</b>
1954	<b>Oscar Inouye</b>	1983 - 86	<b>George Miyao</b>
1955	<b>Paul Ito</b>	1987	<b>Andy Noguchi</b>
1956	<b>Alvin Seno</b>	1988	<b>Richard Uno</b>
1957 - 58	<b>William Kashiwagi</b>	1989	<b>Curtis Namba</b>
1959	<b>Takeshi Saigo</b>	1990	<b>Titus Toyama</b>
1960 - 61	<b>Louis Ito</b>	1991	<b>Carol Hisatomi</b>
1962	<b>Oscar Fujii</b>	1992	<b>Andy Noguchi</b>
1963 - 65	<b>George Furukawa</b>	1993	<b>Eileen Namba-Otsuji</b>
1966	<b>Percy Fukushima</b>	1994	<b>Mark Morodomi</b>
1967 - 68	<b>Paul Takehara</b>	1995	<b>Titus Toyama</b>

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Program/Guest Speakers	Eileen Namba Otsuji
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Invitation Graphics	Carrie Dong
Program Booklet	Christine Umeda
Program Graphics	Lenny Mizusaka
Hospitality	Marielle Tsukamoto
Publicity/Resolutions	Frank Iritani
Logistics	Tom Okubo
Table Decorations	Hiroko Tsuda, Marion Kanemoto, Doris Kobayashi
Registration	Joanne Iritani, Heidi Sakazaki, Judy Fukuman
Flowers	Carol Hisatomi
Historical Exhibit	Georgiana White and staff of the CSUS University Archives



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ROBERT T. MATSUI  
5TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

**My heartfelt thanks and congratulations to all members past and present of the Florin JACL. Your sixty years of dedicated and insightful work has crossed economic, gender and race boundaries and has enriched the entire Sacramento region! Best wishes for many years of continued success!**

**Robert T. Matsui  
Member of Congress**





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October 4, 1995

Frank Iritani  
Japanese American Citizens League  
890 Sunwind Way  
Sacramento, CA 95831

Dear Mr. Iritani:

Thank you very much for the letter you sent regarding the 60th anniversary of the Florin Japanese American Citizens League.

Regrettably, because of a prior commitment, I will be unable to attend your 60th anniversary celebration. In any event, I hope that your fundraiser for the Japanese American Archives Collection is a huge success.

The JACL's significant contributions to the community have been far-reaching throughout the years. Enclosed is a resolution honoring the 60 years of Florin JACL involvement in the Sacramento area.

I wish your organization the best in its future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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October 5, 1995

Titus S. Toyama, President  
Japanese American Citizens  
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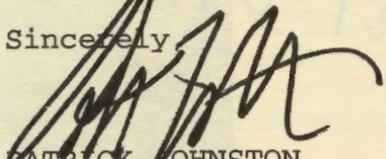
Dear Titus:

Congratulations to the Florin Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League for 60 years of community service.

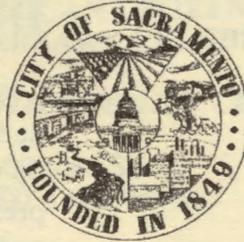
On behalf of the people of the 5th Senate District, I am pleased to commend the Florin Chapter and its members for the Chapter's outstanding accomplishments and contributions. We are a better community as a result of the Chapter's work and dedication.

Best wishes for your continuing success.

Sincerely,

  
PATRICK JOHNSTON  
Senator, 5th District

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JOE SERNA, JR.  
MAYOR

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Greetings!

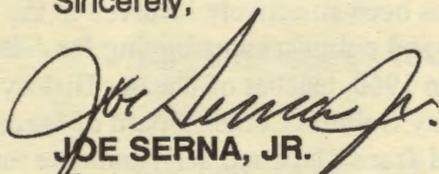
As Mayor of the City of Sacramento, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Florin Japanese American Citizens League 60th Anniversary Celebration events to be held November 4 and 5, 1995.

The Japanese American Citizens League has a long history of involvement in local, political, community and economic arenas. I consider your constituent organization to be a valuable resource as we all continue in our attempts to foster tomorrow's leadership across the nation.

As one who is aware of the numerous contributions made by the Japanese American Citizens League to our city and to this country, I am pleased to commend the Florin JAACL for their community accomplishments. The citizens of this great city look forward to your continued contributions.

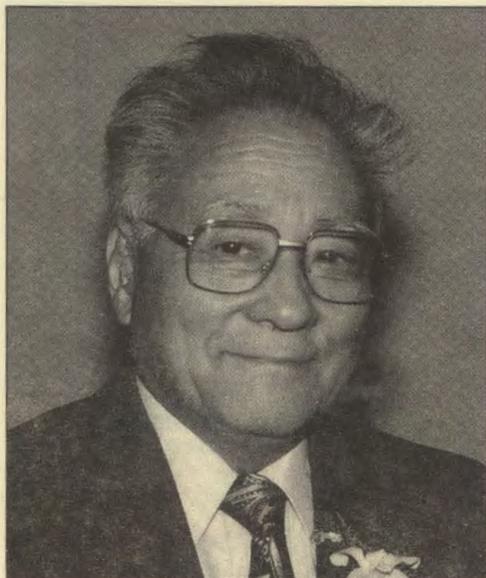
Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,

  
JOE SERNA, JR.  
Mayor

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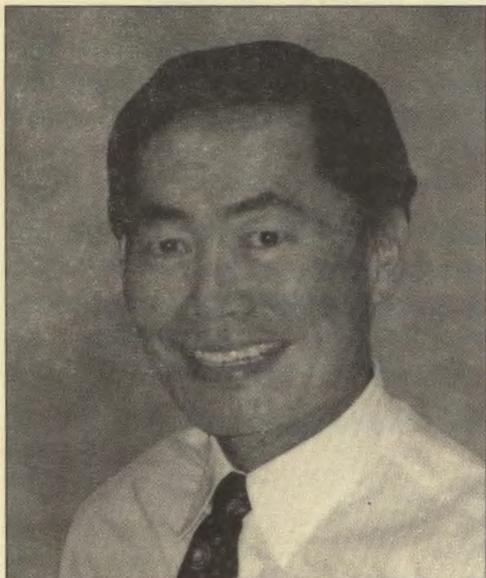
## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### DENNY YASUHARA

Currently serves as the National President, he has been actively involved with JACL for 36 years, most notably as the Spokane chapter president, chair of the Governor's Caucus, redress and LEC fund raising, and member of local and national boards.

A graduate of Washington State University and the University of Colorado, Mr. Yasuhara taught in elementary and junior high school for 28 years. He is a strong supporter of community-based nonprofits and public schools. He served as Presidents of the Hifumi En Housing Project, Spokane Minority Ethnic Coalition, Spokane Coalition for Human Rights, and member of Eastern Washington Health System Agency, Employment Referral Service and Washington State and Spokane Education Associations.



### GEORGE TAKEI

George Takei is an actor, author, and activist. Born to an Issei father, Takekuma Takei and Florin, California born mother, Fumiko Nakamura, he pursued his dreams with their active support and encouragement.

A graduate of UCLA, he was the only Asian student in the Theater Arts Department. A summer at the Shakespeare Institute in England was followed by struggling, lean years in New York and Los Angeles working in movies and TV. Then came Star Trek. For two decades on TV and in six movies, he was "Mr. Sulu", the helmsman who was promoted to Captain.

George has been an actively involved in the community and politics; campaigning for Adlai Stevenson in 1960, teacher of Theater History at the Inner City Cultural Center, Board of Directors of the Rapid Transit District, and candidate for the Los Angeles City Council. He spoke before the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians and is actively involved with the Japanese American National Museum. He is Honorary co-chair of the CSUS Endowment Fund Committee.

**FLORIN CHAPTER  
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE  
60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

***"ORBITING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY"***

5:00 p.m. Social  
6:00 p.m. Dinner

**PROGRAM**

AUCTION	<b>Tom Nakashima</b>
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	<b>Sharon Ito</b>
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	<b>Paul Takehara</b>
INVOCATION	<b>Reverend J. Rebecca McDonald</b>

**\* \* \* DINNER \* \* \***

**GREETINGS**

Florin JAACL	<b>Titus Toyama</b>
National JAACL	<b>Karyl Matsumoto</b>
County of Sacramento	<b>Illa Collin</b>
City of Sacramento	<b>Joe Serna, Jr.</b>
CSUS President	<b>Jolene Koester</b>
CSUS Library	<b>Charles Martell</b>

INTRODUCTION of SPEAKERS	<b>Sharon Ito</b>
Tribute to JAACL	<b>Denny Yasuhara</b>
Passing the Gavel	<b>Joanne Iritani</b>
The Trek Begins: New Vistas and Opportunities	<b>George Takei</b>
Innovative Challenges	<b>Honorable Robert T. Matsui</b>
The Story Must Be Told	<b>Georgiana White Linda Stallone</b>
Live Long and Prosper	<b>Eileen Namba Otsuji</b>
BENEDICTION	<b>Reverend Edward Iwamoto</b>

## PROGRAM TEXT

**Tom Nakashima.** Radio personality, Arrow, FM 108.

**Sharon Ito.** News Anchor, Channel 31, KPWB.

**Paul Takehara.** President of Florin JACL 1967-68 and 1978-79.

**Reverend J. Rebecca McDonald.** Minister, Buddhist Church of Florin.

**Titus Toyama.** President of Florin JACL 1990 and 1995.

**Karyl Matsumoto.** Interim National Director, JACL.

**Honorable Robert T. Matsui.** Member of Congress. Honorary co-chair of the CSUS Endowment Fund Committee for the Japanese American Collection.

**Illa Collin.** Member, Sacramento County Board of Supervisor.

**Joe Serna, Jr.** Mayor, City of Sacramento.

**Jolene Koester.** Vice president of Academic Affairs, CSUS.

**Charles Martell.** Dean of the CSUS Library.

**Denny Yasuhara.** President, National JACL.

**Joanne Iritani.** President-elect, Florin JACL.

**George Takei.** Author of "To the Stars" and actor, "Mr. Sulu" of Star Trek series.  
Honorary co-chair of CSUS Endowment Fund Committee for the Japanese American Collection.

**Georgiana White.** Archivist and Curator, Japanese American Collection, CSUS.

**Linda Stallone.** Writer, lecturer and Fund Development Director, CSUS Library.

**Eileen Namba Otsuji.** President of Florin JACL, 1993.

**Reverend Edward Iwamoto.** Minister of Sacramento Japanese United Methodist Church.

## NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

### MISSION

The purpose of the Japanese American Citizens League is to:

- \* Protect the rights of Japanese Americans as its primary concern. It shall strive to secure and uphold civil and human rights for all people.
- \* Preserve the culture and values of Japanese Americans in a multi-cultural society.
- \* Participate in the development of understanding between all social and ethnic groups.
- \* Promote, sponsor and encourage programs, projects, and activities to further members to perform faithfully their duties and obligations to the United States of America. The organization and its members shall uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States.

### THE CREED

I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals and traditions; I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future. She has granted me liberties and opportunities such as no individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please — as a free man equal to every other man.

Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way: above-board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that Americans sportsmanship and attitude of air play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places; to support her Constitution; to obey her laws, to respect her flag; to defend her against all enemies, foreign or domestic; to assume actively my duties and obligations as a citizen, cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a Greater America. (1940)

Mike M. Masaoka 1915-1991

## FLORIN JACL CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS OF SIXTY YEARS

Mary T. Tsukamoto

### The Florin Community in 1935

Since the arrival of the first Isseis in Florin in 1890, their most astounding accomplishment was transforming what was once a quiet wheat and dairy farming community, into a bustling, active strawberry and grape producing community. A remarkable record: one peak season, 129 carloads of perishable berries were shipped out, making Florin one of the nation's top berry producing "Capitals". As for the grape industry, Florin shipped 130 carloads of choice flame tokay grapes to the eastern market. Around 1935, approximately sixty percent of the farmers in the community were Issei (first) and Nisei (second) generation.

The Florin JACL .... We were there! We remember.....!

**1924 - The Loyalty League:** At the mini-convention of the American Loyalty League held in San Francisco, two young people from Florin attended, Marian T. Yoshida (Percy Nakashima's aunt) and Frank Oda (older brother of Alice Kozumi). Also recognized was Walter Tsukamoto (Doris Kobayashi's father) who became the first National JACL Executive Secretary and later the National JACL President. These leaders later started the National JACL in 1930 with Dr. Yatabe as its first President.

**1935 - Florin Chapter Organized:** The JACL Florin chapter was started by a few brave Niseis in 1935, only five years after the National JACL was officially organized. Yoshio Kiino was the first President and the first Nisei born in Florin. The first unifying project was the all community JACL picnic of 1935. The rare panoramic photo of March 1935 was to be the last group photo of the Florin people. Until this historic event, the nine cluster settlements that sprouted around the ten mile radius of Florin were: Elk Grove, Vineyard, Jackson, Florin, Mayhew, Brighton, Perkins, Elder Creek and Taishoku. Each had its own little hall where Japanese language schools, movies, club and sport activities, provided the fast growing Nisei children an opportunity to learn the language, have fun, cultivate the cultural arts and develop leadership experiences.

**1939 - We Integrate Florin Grammar School:** In 1922-23, the Florin Grammar School was segregated for children from Japanese speaking homes. In 1939, Florin JACL set out to make a difference and approached the Sacramento County Superintendent and board of Trustees to end the segregation of Florin Grammar School. We were successful in ending the segregation. We hoped it would be the beginning of building goodwill and unity in our community, painfully torn apart by racism and anti-Japanese sentiment.

**1941 - World War II Began.**

**1942 - Emergency Office Opened:** Spring came and our world was turned dark. Florin JACL served a shocked population of 2,500 farm residents prepare for the unprecedented removal from their home and community. For two months, we served as an emergency executive secretary, circulating nine issues of the weekly bulletin to every bewildered family. Tears flowed as we tried to help. We were dispersed into four centers. Some never returned to Florin! Some died. Many eventually relocated elsewhere. Florin never recovered.

**Post-War Years ....** Florin Japanese community devastated? Should we let Florin JACL die?

**1949 - Florin JACL Reactivated:** The Issei delegation sought our help to reestablished the Florin JACL. The chapter was reactivated with the joint efforts of the veterans and our National JACL leaders. It was our only hope for all the Japanese Americans struggling in the Florin community.

**1947-1948 - Evacuee Claims Bill Passed:** With Mike Masaoka's leadership in Washington, we learned how to work effectively and the evacuee claims bill was enacted. However disappointment followed. We agreed to only accept token payment.

**1949-1952 - Issei Citizenship Won:** What a monumental task to gain citizenship rights for our Issei parents. We worked hard to learn how to impact legislation with the tireless help of the Masaokas, Mike, Etsu and Joe, in Washington. With the respect and admiration of our veterans', carefully crafted publicity, articles, and speeches all added to an impressive three year's struggle. The Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Bill was passed in June 1952.

**1953-54 - Americanization Classes:** After encouraging and sponsoring the Issei Americanization classes, Reverend Jun Fujimori taught classes which enabled the Isseis to receive their citizenship. Florin JACL proudly honored 60 graduates at the Florin Community Hall.

**1960-1995 - Scholarship Program:** Since its inception, more than 60 Nisei and Sansei students have received scholarships to assist them in pursuing higher education. The scholarships are provided through yearly fund raising activities.

**1961-1962 - National Issei History Project:** With enthusiastic support, the chapter raised \$500.00 to send to the National Issei History Project at UCLA. We also conducted group taping sessions with Issei to include their collective experiences in the Project.

**1968-1982 - Involvement with Valley JACL Chapters:** The Florin chapter actively served and participated in the planning of significant historic events.

- o 1969 - Wakamatsu Tea Colony's 100th Year: Assisted in building a monument and the dedication ceremony in Coloma with Governor Reagan and other dignitaries.
- o 1979 - Tule Lake Pilgrimage: Planned and dedicated a plaque for a pilgrimage to Tule Lake in May 1979.
- o 1979 - LEC (Legislation for Education): Jointly sponsored and raised \$ 22,000 for LEC in an "American for Fairness" event with actor, Kim Miyori, as guest speaker.

**1981 - Commission on Wartime Internment and Relocation of Civilians:** Four chapter JACLers testified before the commission in San Francisco at the Golden Gate University on August 13, 1981; Mike Umeda, Nellie Sakakihara, Kiyoo Sato Viacrucis and Mary Tsukamoto.

**1983 -1995 - Time of Remembrance:** 1983 was our first attempt to educate the community regarding the World War II experiences of the Japanese American and the impact of the signing of Executive Order 9066. Sacramento's National Coalition for Redress and Reparations assisted in sponsoring a Town Hall evening program, "Courage To Speak Up For Justice". Exhibits on the walls were visual reminders of what we experienced during 1942-1945.

- o Keynote speakers: Notable speakers came to speak on topics such as: honoring the Isseis, Niseis, 442nd, MIS and women's experience, campaign for redress, writ of habeas corpus and individual landmark decisions. They brought their powerful voice to educate, provide credibility, and a tremendous sense of reason and justice. As a result, hundreds wrote letters and joined us in our effort to win Redress. John Tateishi, 1983. Judge William Marutani, 1984. Eric Saul and Chet Tanaka, 1985. Harold Langley, Smithsonian curator, 1986. Dr. Peter Irons, professor and author "Justice Delayed", 1987. Dr. Tom Crouch, Smithsonian curator of "A More Perfect Union" exhibit, 1988. Followed by Congressman Robert Matsui, Congressman Norman Mineta, Dale Minami, attorney, Congresswoman Patsy Mink, Retired Colonel Tom Sakamoto, Gordon Hirabayashi and Chizu Iiyama.
- o Memorabilia collection grows: We worked hard to collect materials, made charts and develop a photo collection to illustrate the specific topics or theme. These exhibits, which includes a replica barrack, are used annually in the education partnership with the Elk Grove Unified School District and other community and chapter events.
- o 1993, Educator's Workshop: Another dream is realized. A team of able community educators developed an expansion to the Remembrance activities. The workshop is designed to educate teachers on how to teach the internment experience.

**August 10, 1988 - Redress is Enacted:** President Reagan signs HR 442, commonly known as the Civil Rights Act of 1988 into law; redress was enacted. Funding remained a major issue but with the tireless effort of members, veterans and the incredible support of individuals and organizations, Senator Daniel Inouye was successful in negotiating the redress payments as an entitlement program. Recipients began receiving their awards of \$20,000.

**1990-1995 - Women's' Concern:** Successful forums have been presented focusing on issues of interest to women. Recognized community women have presented on a variety of topics ranging from intergenerational and bicultural issues, financial planning, safety issues, health care issues.

**1989 - Oral History Project:** The chapter Oral History Project was developed in conjunction with California State University, Sacramento (CSUS). An extra-ordinary group of talented volunteers have made possible the monumental task of interviewing, translating and transcribing the oral histories of individuals from Florin and the surrounding communities. The completed books are not only a family and Chapter treasure, but become a part of the CSUS Archival Library to be made available for study and research. An exciting legacy for our future, more than thirty books have been completed, with more than twenty in progress.

**1994 - CSUS Japanese American Collection:** For more than 17 years, artifacts and materials have been received and collection from the local community related to the Japanese American experience. Officially acknowledged at a reception at CSUS, the Florin Japanese American Community Collection became permanently housed in the Archival Library to be preserved, exhibited and used by students and scholars.

**1990-1995 - Vigilance for Civil Rights:** With capable young adult leaders, the chapter has been relentless and tireless in the courts and in planning effective press conferences, community rallies and forums on issues such as, multilingual cable TV, affirmative action, fire bombing and hate crimes, Arab and Muslim Americans, and Pearl Harbor Anniversary backlash.

A truly remarkable 60 years of achievements by our past and present members, it will serve as the challenge to continue the excellence into the 21st Century.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

(Partial Listing)

The Florin Chapter sincerely appreciates the support of the following businesses, organizations and individuals.

### PATRONS

Jerry and Dorothy Enomoto  
Jim and Judy Saunders, KXTV  
Don and Illa Collin  
Tomoye Tsukamoto

### COMMUNITY TABLES

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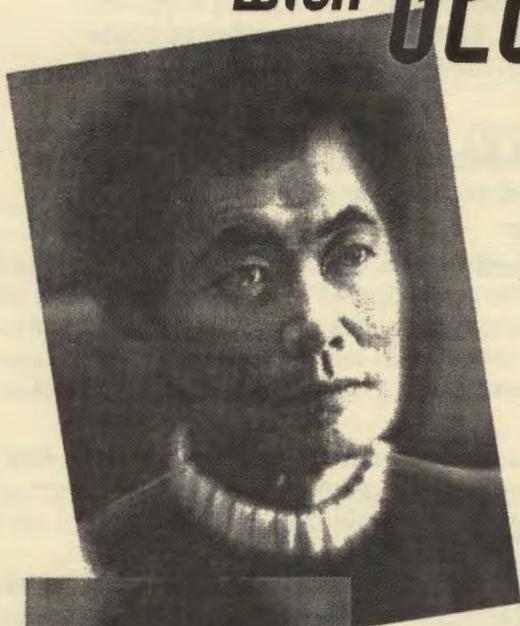
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