

**San Jose JACL Community Recognition Dinner**

Saturday November 02, 2013  
San Jose Airport Hotel – Mediterranean Center  
San Jose CA

**Presented by Christine Noma, President Midori Kai:**

**Thank you Joyce for providing us with a wonderful summary of the history of Midori Kai.**

**I am so honored to be here this evening to accept this award and recognition from the San Jose JACL on behalf of Midori Kai.**

**Since the founding of our organization, one of our primary missions has been to actively participate in and to generously give back to the local Asian communities.**

**We raise our funds through an annual Midori Kai Boutique at the Mtn View Buddhist Temple where we have had over 100 vendors selling jewelry, Japanese kimono wear, Japanese and Asian themed t-shirts, ceramics, art and other unique gift items, most with a Japanese or Asian flavor. Our vendors are required to donate 10% of their gross revenue to Midori Kai and for the last 13 years, from those proceeds we have been able to provide grants to support wonderful non-profits community organizations.**

**This past year award we provided grants to:**

- **Asian Americans for Community Involvement**
  - **To provide free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence, 24 hr crisis hotline, emergency shelter and legal support.**
- **Japanese American Museum of San Jose**
  - **To fund a new exhibit featuring SJ Taiko and SJ Chidori Band**
- **National Japanese American Historical Society - Military Intelligence Service Historic Learning Center**
  - **For Funding to be used to develop the interpretation of the Women's Army Corps exhibit – which by the way will be hosting its grand opening next week on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day at the San Francisco Presidio.**

- **Yu-Ai Kai Japanese American Community Senior Services**
  - **To provide funds for its annual Keiro Kai event which celebrates and honors the Seniors in our community”**

**Other past recipients of grants have included**

- **Asian Women's Shelter of San Francisco**
- **Asian Law Alliance, Domestic Violence Prevention**
- **Spirit of Japantown**
- **Ed Iwasaki Scholarship Fund**
- **Tule Lake Committee and**
- **AARS (Asian American Recovery Services)**

**Beside the grants, our Directors also volunteer and personally donate their time money and goods to groups such as**

- **Japan Relief Fund - Tsunami Aid**
  - **Yu-Ai Kai - Sake San Jose**
  - **West Valley Community Services - Adopt a Family and Asian Foods/Condiments Drive**
- and the**
- **San Jose and Mtn View Obon Festivals**

**With that I'd like to introduce and ask to please my fellow Directors who were able to join me tonight to celebrate this very special event:**

**My Vice President and next year's President: Julie Hubbard**

**Linda Kato**

**Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto**

**Phyllis Osaki**

**Pam Yoshida**

**Janice Miyatake**

**June Sakamoto**

**Cynthia Sasaki**

**Aggie Idemoto**

**Sally Takemoto**

**Joyce Iwasaki – who you've already met this evening.**

**Thank you once again for the Community Recognition. It is very special and dear to all of us.**