

**JACL ARIZONA CHAPTER
Member Information**

Name _____

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Phone (_____) _____

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***Membership Prices: (circle one)**

Individual: \$ 60

Couple/Family: \$ 105
(children must be 25 and under)

Student Membership: \$ 25
(25 and under or currently enrolled in college, trade school or university)

Thousand Club \$ 100
(larger contribution to programs)

Century Club \$ 175
(exclusive member/larger contribution)

Thousand Club Life \$ 3,000
(lifetime membership)

Century Club Life \$ 5,000
(exclusive lifetime membership)

Thousand or \$ 32
Century Club Spouse

Millennium Club \$ 1,000
(premier membership category where members make a larger annual contribution of \$1,000 per year for chapter and national programs of JACL)

*Please note that \$30 of your total membership fee, which corresponds to the fair market value of the Pacific Citizen, is not tax deductible from your National dues.

Please mail completed application along with check made out to: **Japanese American Citizens League**

Mail To: **JACL National Headquarters
Membership Department
P.O. Box 45397
San Francisco, CA 94145-0397**

JACL 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 nor 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 American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to honor 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 and domestic; to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen; cheerfully and without reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America.

Mike Masaoka

First read before the United States Senate and printed in the Congressional Record May 9, 1941.

**JAPANESE
AMERICAN
CITIZENS
LEAGUE**



ARIZONA CHAPTER

5414 West Glenn Drive
Glendale, AZ 85301
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PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

Founded in 1929, the JACL is a national civil and human rights organization with a membership of 24,000 located in 113 chapters throughout the United States. The mission of the JACL is to uphold the civil and human rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry and of all people.

The JACL is committed to educating the public on the history, experience, contributions and current concerns of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States. The JACL performs research into the background, current status, problems, accomplishments and aspirations of the Japanese American Community.

As a civil rights organization the JACL has worked to guarantee a just and due process to all persons. The JACL responds to instances of discrimination by both the government and private companies and individuals as well as to negative images of Asian Americans or other groups in the print or electronic media. As part of its commitment to equal rights, the JACL has supported legal affirmative action programs to improve the present effects of past discrimination.

JACL ISSUES

The JACL strives to meet the following objectives:

- Eliminate discrimination and racism.
- Promote future Asian American leadership.
- Fight for the rights of Asian Americans and anyone victimized by social injustice.
- Portray Asian Americans positively in the media.
- Increase equal employment opportunities for Asian Americans and other minorities in the public and private sectors.
- Support legislative initiatives that provide for the welfare of Asian Americans.
- Educate and perpetuate the Japanese American experience.
- Contribute to the welfare of Japanese Americans and the greater Asian Pacific Islander communities.

ARIZONA CHAPTER HISTORY

In 1930, property was purchased by the Japanese Association for the purpose of building a community hall. The hall served as a social gathering place as well as a classroom for naturalization classes to assist the Issei achieve U.S. citizenship.

The Japanese American Citizens League, Arizona Chapter, was formed from that nucleus in 1934 and has grown into an organization with approximately 400 members.

In the post World War II era, the organization was engaged in combating the injustices that were prevalent. In 1970, a major undertaking was the formation of our credit union. A new community building was dedicated in 1977, located in Glendale. In 1962, the JACL, Arizona Chapter, began its Annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards. The Chojukai, a social organization for Japanese Americans over the age of 55, is sponsored by our chapter. Other events, including cultural and social activities, are held throughout the year.



The Arizona Chapter is a recipient of the George Inagaki Chapter Citizenship Award in 2002.

WHO CAN JOIN?

The Japanese American Citizens League is a non-profit group and does not discriminate based on race, religion, creed, or sex.

ARIZONA CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Activities of the Arizona Chapter has included participation in:

- The annual Matsuri: A Festival of Japan
- Sponsoring Keirokai (senior citizen) dinners
- Annual Sara Hutchings Clardy scholarship banquet recognizing grade school, high school and college graduates
- Teacher's workshop
- Summer mixed bowling league
- Various cultural classes such as cooking, crafts, Japanese dancing and taiko drum.
- Annual picnic
- Chojukai group outings to Laughlin, Las Vegas, and other locations
- Japanese Friendship Garden

ARIZONA CHAPTER BENEFITS

Join the Arizona Chapter to receive and be eligible for benefits such as the following:

- Arizona JACL Credit Union membership
- Student Loans
- Annual Sara Hutchings Clardy Scholarship Awards (for high school seniors)
- Japanese cultural classes during the year.
- Receive the Round-Up, the monthly chapter newsletter
- Receive the Pacific Citizen-a bi-weekly National JACL publication
- Access to the chapter library and historical reference material
- Blue Cross Blue Shield disability insurance, long term care insurance