



Greater Los Angeles Chapter  
*Japanese American Citizens League*

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Japanese Trojan Club 1942

*The  
Story  
of the  
Nisei  
Trojans*

Speakers: Glenn Osaki and Jon Kaji



Jon Kaji



Glenn Osaki

**February 12, 2023**

**Sunday, 1:00 p.m.**

In Person Program. Mask Required

**Faith United Methodist Church**

2115 W. 182<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Torrance, CA 90504

Sponsored by Faith's Social Action Committee  
Co-sponsored by Greater L.A. chapter of JAACL

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No meeting on February 12

In 1942, there were about 120 Japanese American students enrolled at the University of Southern California. Following Executive Order 9066, all were forced to end their studies and most were forcibly relocated to internment camps. After WWII ended, USC refused to release these students' transcripts so they could transfer to other schools to complete their education.

Since 2007, Jon Kaji, then president of the USC Asian Pacific Alumni Association, pushed USC to atone for its treatment of these Nisei students.

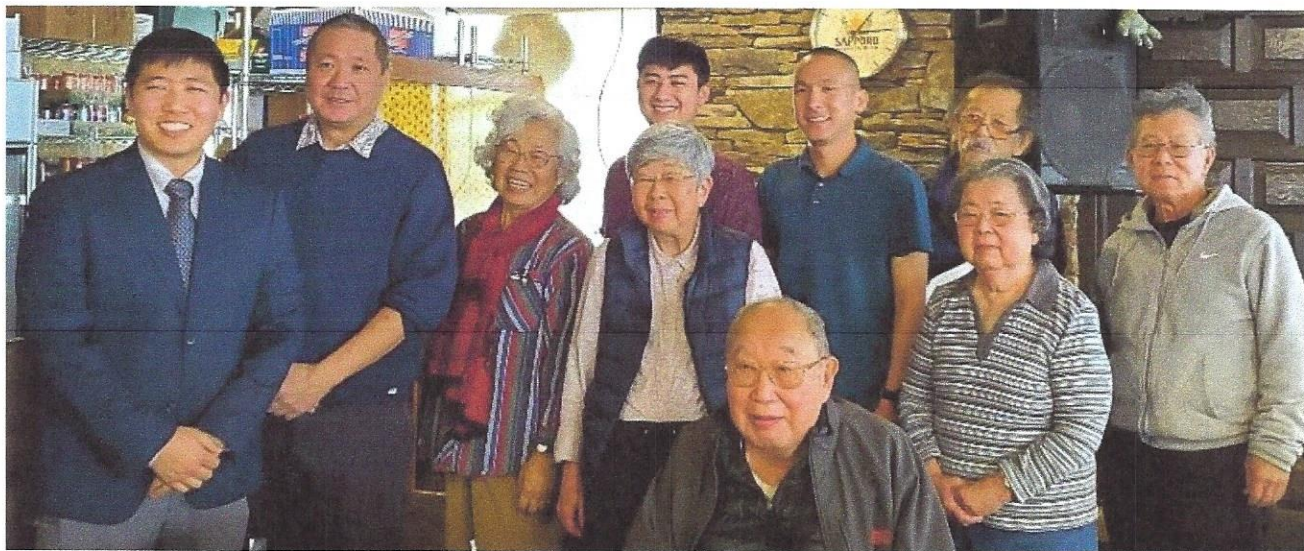
Glenn Osaki, Senior Advisor to the USC President, and Jon Kaji will give a presentation of the 15-year effort to have USC issue honorary degrees to all displaced Nisei students and right a wrong – 80 years later.

The culmination of these efforts occurred at the USC Asian Pacific Alumni Association Gala on April 1, 2022, when posthumous honorary degrees were awarded to the families of the deceased Nisei Trojans.



## 2023 INSTALLATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES JACL EXECUTIVE BOARD

at Ladybug Restaurant, January 8, 2023



From left: Ryan Yoshikawa, JACL Pacific Southwest District Governor, installed the GLA executive board members present; Co-Presidents Mitchell Matsumura and Miyako Kadogawa; Louise Sakamoto, Vice President, Programs & Membership; the young fellows in back are Andrew Gruhn, Vice President, Young Adults Group and Layne Sakamoto, Treasurer and Scholarship Chair; Board of Directors are Kanji Sahara, seated, Ayako Okada, Kei Sakita and Mas Oshiro, far right.

Not present were Erica Harris, Recording Secretary; Board of Directors Susan DeGracia, Joyce Inouye and Joyce Okazaki.

Guests were Nancy Takayama, PSWD Vice Governor & President, San Fernando Valley chapter JACL; Gail and Mika Matsumura, Mitchell's wife and daughter; Alvin Takamori, Mitchell's guest; Helen Sakamoto, Layne's mother; Jane Sakita, Kei's wife

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

GLA virtual program/meeting, Sunday, March 19, 1 pm  
Speaker: Nicole Suganuma, GLA member, will talk of her work as production assistant on TV production sets.

Los Angeles Day of Remembrance. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
RSVPs are requested for in-person attendance.

This event will also be available to view on [JANM's YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/JANMdotorg) (youtube.com/JANMdotorg) at 2 p.m. (PST) on Saturday, February 18.

53<sup>rd</sup> JACL National Convention, Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, July 19-23, 2023  
at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel