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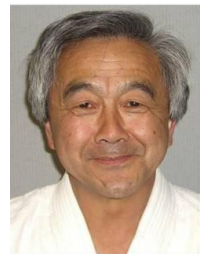
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## SONOMA COUNTY FORUM

### December 1st Japanese American Citizens' League



Sonoma County Chapter of the Japanese American Citizen's League was organized in August of 1934, with twenty-five people signed on as charter members of the fledgling organization. Today, the Sonoma County group has developed into what is today one of the larger chapters. Its program is diverse, robust, relevant, serving both the members of the Japanese community from young children to the aging and society in general. We will hear about what happened to local Japanese residents during WWII through speakers Sharon Beckman and Henry Kaku.



Sharon has been a member of the Sonoma County JACL Oral History committee. She will give us personal insight into her own family's journey, with her grandmother, aunt and uncle whom were incarcerated in Heart Mountain Relocation Camp during WWII. Her grandmother prior to her incarceration owned a small business in Los Angeles, but after her release she lost her business, home and was unable to return to Los Angeles.



December 15

### Special Holiday Party with the Santa Rosa Children's Chorus Concert Group

We have a special treat planned for our December 15th meeting. The Santa Rosa Children's Chorus Concert Group, conducted by Artistic Director Carol Menke, will perform a short program of a capella holiday music for us. Through the efforts of chorus Manager Janis Tolbert nearly the entire chorus will be able to sing for us before they start their school day. Please mark your calendars for this very special meeting that is sure to leave you feeling in the holiday spirit. To learn more about the chorus, go to: <http://srchildrenschorus.com>



## BOOK GROUP NEWS

**BOOK GROUP I** will meet at Helen O'Donnell's home Monday,

Dec. 5th at 7PM to discuss "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave.

**BOOK GROUP II** will meet at Melinda Evan's home on Tuesday, Dec.

13th at 7 PM to discuss "Old Filth" by Jane Gardam.

**BOOK GROUP III** there will be no Meeting in December.

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

★ Jan. 5, 2012

Bruce Kyse, Press Democrat: Will News papers survive?

★ Jan. 19, 2012

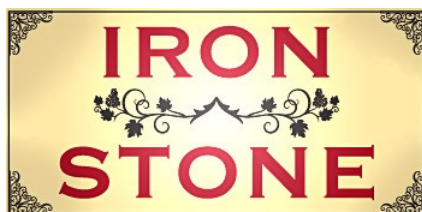
Jill Ravich, Sonoma County District Attorney

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December is here and time for my final President's Message. This has been a very successful year. This was accomplished with the efforts of your capable board members. I would like to thank each of them for their support, team work and contributions to the Forum. **Helen Berg** has welcomed 7 new members. **Susan Sudduth** has kept our budget on track. **Julie Sooley** provided timely minutes of our meetings and has transferred our web-site to a new format. **Donna Spilman** spearheaded the interesting off-site event at Artstart and has provided us with excursions to the, Green Music Center, the Buck Institute and the Laguna Treatment Plant. **Janet Thorp** consistently arrived early from Healdsburg to greet members. **Laurie White** is also very early and prepared to welcome members and guests. **Ann Galantine** provides wonderful newsletters with great photos and clipart. **Kerry Campbell Price, Rosa Turner and Nancy Richards** have given us excellent, diverse, interesting speakers throughout the year. **Marty Patton-Volz** has kept our web-site updated, **Roseanna Woods** and **Sharon Robison** have written member bios for the newsletter, **Rosa Turner** has provided updated roster pages for our Red Book and **Yvonne Giambrone Martin** has hosted the Epicurean Lunch Group. Thank you all for your dedication to the Forum!

We will have two special meetings in December. December 1 is our **Annual Business Meeting** when we will have the election of officers for the 2012 Board of Directors, we will vote on the 2012 budget and also hear our speaker. You will not want to miss the holiday party on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all members for their support, ideas and suggestions this year. Pat Edelstein [Quail6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Quail6@sbcglobal.net)

## EPICUREAN LUNCH - Dec. 8th @ IRON STONE (formerly Joseph's)



Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 8th at the Iron Stone, which is located in Hotel La Rose at 308 Wilson Street in the enchanting Historic Railroad Square. This is a casual California cuisine restaurant that features fresh Sonoma County produce, cheeses, meats, wines, and local brews Let's all get together, try a new restaurant, catch up with some great Forum Ladies, and launch the holiday season with style and cheer. For questions give our Santa's helper Yvonne Giambrone-Martin a call at 545-1140

## WEB SITE HELP



We are still looking for 1 or 2 more members to work as a team in keeping our website up to date. Our new website format will use a template, and our current website has already been transferred to it, awaiting your final touches. This is your chance to find out how easy and fun it is to work with today's "cut and paste" type website programs! Instruction is provided, and support and encouragement are also included.

*MEETINGS ARE THE 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY @ 7:30 AM @ THE FLAMINGO RESORT*