

= Japanese Doll Exhibit (September 8 - October 10, 2009) =

September and October saw JASN co-hosting an exhibition of traditional Japanese dolls at the Henderson Convention Center. The City of Henderson, The Japan Foundation, the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco and the office of the Honorary Consulate of Japan in Las Vegas all teamed up with JASN to make this traveling exhibition a resounding success. More than 5,500 people visited the exhibition during its one-month run. Kudos to all who volunteered, including our Executive Director Miho-san, and our intern, Satomi-san. Special thanks to Brad and Kathleen Blakely, who spent countless hours setting up and then packing up the exhibit. Brad is an artist and antique restorationist and provided pro bono services in the role of doll surgeon, as some of the dolls arrived needing some TLC!



Transportation for school children to and from the exhibition was generously supported by Cirque du Soleil and Aoki-Noda Logistics.

We were honored by a visit from Consul General Nagamine, who spoke at our September luncheon, and who also spoke at the opening reception for the doll exhibit. Consul General Nagamine reminded us that Nevada falls within his jurisdiction, and that he is very interested in supporting JASN's mission to raise the level of understanding of Japanese culture and to increase business ties between Nevada and Japan. We look forward to seeing Consul General Nagamine again soon!

= October Monthly Luncheon Meeting (October 13, 2009) = at the Atomic Testing Museum

Just as the doll exhibition was whisked away, we held our October luncheon. The featured speaker was JASN Board member Ed Prud'homme, a prominent immigration law attorney practicing here in Las Vegas. Ed edified us as to recent and future developments in immigration law and enforcement, and shared with us his learned views of the importance of immigrants to the success, and very fiber, of this country. Honorary Consul General Kathleen Blakely briefly addressed the group with information about the services provided by the office of the Honorary Consulate. Sherry Hashimoto did an outstanding job as emcee.

