



The real story. Japanese American History told by those who lived it.

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Nikkei Writers Guild announces our latest publication *Seinan Southwest Los Angeles*

Nikkei Writers Guild, a division of Japanese American Living Legacy, published our fourth book, *SEINAN - SOUTHWEST LOS ANGELES, Stories and Experiences from Residents of Japanese Ancestry*. Authored by Ansho Mas Uchima and Minoru Shinmoto they include the community's religious groups, language schools, public schools, social clubs, veterans who were killed-in-action and various biographical profiles of families that lived in Seinan during the early 1920s through just after World War II. Many photographs and illustrations are also included to help readers visualize this snapshot in the history of the Nikkei community.

The *Rafu Shimpo's Ni-sen Rokbyaku Nen Yearbook* was used as a directory reference. Many of the profiles in the book were taken straight from area public school yearbooks. For some readers, perusing this book will be a trip down "Memory Lane." Still, others will peer into the past to get a glimpse of a pioneering society that set a significant foundation for the Japanese American community of today.

"Books like this one are important to our community because they catalog a bygone era of our heritage," says Susan Uyemura, CEO of Japanese American Living Legacy. "This book provides a historical account of our past and allows us to share these memories and experiences with today's Japanese American community."

Uchima and Shinmoto were mindful to put this community snapshot in a historical context so that readers would understand the significance of the early immigrant Issei pioneers, the effects of rampant racism, the need to coexist with the surrounding Black community, the disruptive force of Executive Order 9066 and a community that tried to hold itself together through an ugly war to provide a firm stepping stone toward today's Japanese American community in Southern California.

Nikkei Writers Guild will host book signings for this publication in the near future. Two confirmed book signings are October 31 at United Methodist, 300 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90013 and January 15, 2011 Saturday at California State University,

Fullerton, Ruby Gerontology Center 11:00am. More details on both of these signings will be available soon.

Seinan is available for \$25 (which includes tax) plus shipping.

Japanese American Living Legacy. is a California nonprofit (501.c.3) organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. Nikkei Writers Guild is the publishing division of JA Living Legacy. All of the board of directors, staff and advisors are volunteers.

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