

**2009**

**Dear Members and Prospective Members of the JACL:**

**The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) was formed in 1929, which means that this year is our eighty year anniversary as a civil and human rights organization. As the oldest such Asian American organization in the nation, the JACL has a proud history and legacy.**

**The JACL has been a membership driven organization from its beginning days. With over 110 chapters throughout the United States and one chapter in Japan, the JACL serves many people. Membership is vital to the JACL, and securing more people to join the JACL is always one of our important goals. Not only does the JACL need members, but we feel that the members can receive great benefit from joining the organization.**

**Striving to secure the civil rights of Japanese Americans and now all Americans who have need of an advocate, the JACL has been instrumental in working to ensure basic human rights for many years.**

**As we move into the future, it is extremely important to our organization that we keep growing in the area of membership. The JACL has a lot to offer its members through its National leadership and advocacy among Asian American organizations as well as through the local chapters which provide social, educational, and cultural opportunities.**

**We hope that all members will see the continuing value of the JACL and encourage others to join with us in continuing the legacy which has been left to us by the Nisei leaders of the past.**

**Thank you for your support of the JACL.**

**Sincerely,**

**S. Floyd Mori  
National Executive Director**