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REBUILDING **HOME PLATE VIP EXHIBIT REVEAL AND RECEPTION** Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Social Hour Program 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Exhibit Partners

Nisei Baseball Research Project Arizona Baseball Legacy & Experience

Program*

Welcome & Recognition..... Dr. David Breeckner Executive Director, Arizona Historical Society (AHS)

Prayer of Dedication...... Michael Tang Assistant Minister, Arizona Buddhist Temple

A Bit About ResilienceCorey Woods Mayor, City of Tempe

Gila River Indian Community Tribute Monica Antone Lt. Governor, Gila River Indian Community

A State's Perspective on PerseveranceAdrian Fontes Arizona Secretary of State

History of the Home PlateBill Staples, Jr. Japanese American Citizens League-Arizona Chapter Board Member, Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) Asian Baseball Committee Chairman, and Author of *Kenichi Zenimura, Japanese American Baseball Pioneer* Baseball Behind Barbed Wire Mike Phillips and Charlie Vascellaro, President and Vice President Arizona Baseball Legacy and Experience (ABLE)

Happy Birthday to Kenichi Zenimura, 1900-1968 "The Father of Japanese American Baseball"

Closing & Thank You	Dr. David Breeckner
	Executive Director, AHS

Ribbon Cutting & First Pitch Ceremony



Kenichi Zenimura (center) and his sons, Kenshi "Harvey" (left) and Kenso "Howard" (right). Courtesy of the Japanese American National Museum (Gift of Mori Shimada, 92.10.2BS). Kenichi Zenimura handmade this poster to advertise the official opening of Zenimura Field on March 7, 1943. Courtesy of Nisei Baseball Research Project.