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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The four vice presidents are quickly filling all their subcommittee positions and we look forward to a fruitful year! Cherry Kinoshita and her committee put together a very impressive Day of Remembrance observance on February 19 that was sponsored by the Washington State Coalition for Redress, Seattle Chapter JACL, and the Ethnic Heritage Council. Well over a hundred people joined in a program which concluded with a solemn candlelight service led by Rev. Richard Nishioka of the Japanese Presbyterian Church. We will remember until redress is won!

As we prepare for the July, 1986 National JACL Convention in Chicago, please note that immediate past president David Okimoto will be coordinating all activities in preparation for the convention. Ben Nakagawa and Tomio Moriguchi are preparing for our own 1988 National JACL Convention to be held here in Seattle during the last week of July, 1988. Please make plans to attend, and to welcome many friends and visitors who will be coming.

JACL members wishing to become 1000 Club Life Members can do so by paying \$500, rather than the standard \$1,000, by July 20, 1986. More detailed information will be forthcoming, but this is a good opportunity to help JACL, the local chapter and yourself. I recommend it highly.

The redress movement is picking up more support in Congress because the need to correct the internment injustice is being better understood throughout the nation. Please keep your LEC lobbying donations coming. We need to first pass the authorizing legislation through Congress and have it signed by President Reagan. Then an appropriation bill for monetary payment needs to be passed and signed by the President.

JACL is committed to serving the Nikkei community. Join me in doing what you can.

Sincerely,
Bob Sato
President

Special Reports

REDRESS BILL PASSES

House Bill 1415, the Civil Rights Restrictions bill sponsored by Representative Gary Locke, was passed in the House on Feb. 15 by a vote of 82-15, and passed in the State Senate on March 6 with a vote of 45-1. The bill, which will enable the Seattle School District to disburse \$5,000 in redress payments to each of 27 former school secretaries or their surviving spouses, must now be signed by Governor Booth Gardner.

Jerry Shigaki, chair of the JACL Committee for HB 1415, credited the hard work of Rep. Locke for the successful outcome of the bill, and acknowledged the support of Senators Jim McDermott, Phil Talmadge and George Fleming. Shigaki also praised the efforts of Cherry Kinoshita, Naomi Sanchez and Becky Sasaki, who accompanied him on many trips to Olympia to speak to legislators on behalf of the bill.

LEC FUND DRIVE NEARS 1985-86 GOAL

As of February 28, the Seattle area LEC Fund Drive has raised \$9,470, just \$530 short of its 1985-86 goal of \$10,000. Many thanks to the following contributors who provided a big boost to reach this total: Robert Shimabukuro, Los Angeles; George & Ai Koshi, Martha Honda, and Hana Masuda (2nd donation); \$100-\$499 -- Ben & Ruth Woo (2nd donation); \$500-\$999 -- Tomio Moriguchi (2nd donation).

PROFILES OF THE SEATTLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

PRESIDENT-ELECT MAY SASAKI by James Hattori: An interest in teaching youngsters about ethnic diversity and cultural awareness led May Sasaki into the JACL. Now, 11 years later, she's President-Elect of the Seattle Chapter, still clinging to those same concerns for the Nikkei and other minority communities.

Sasaki, a Seattle native, works for the Seattle Public Schools as a resource person in the controversial integration program. She describes her job as a fringe-management position, noting that there seems to be few Asian Americans in important management jobs in the District.

Her career began in the classrooms of the Highline School District, right out of college. Then she got married and put her job on hold while raising four children--three daughters and a son--the youngest now 19 years old.

Sasaki went back to the classroom more than a dozen years ago, this time in Seattle. It was her friendship with Mako Nakagawa, who headed up the Rainbow multi-cultural program, that led to her involvement with the JACL. Sasaki says she was impressed by the organization's willingness to pursue issues of importance, like human rights. And the JACL gave her a chance to meet lots of people in the Nikkei community--people who've added a lot to her life.

The internment experience has made some Nisei reluctant to get involved in some of the things JACL stands for, even though they may support those causes. Sasaki says she's encouraged by the surge of activity among Sansei and even Yonsei members. She hopes to continue building support among younger members in the community, as well as draw on the wealth of experience among the "old guard" JACL members.

She sees redress for Japanese Americans interned during World War II as still the organization's number one priority. But she hopes to broaden JACL's community support by offering more, like social activities, which gives all members a chance to become more acquainted, and simply have fun.

When she assumes the Presidency of the Seattle Chapter next year, May Sasaki hopes to bring to the JACL a philosophy she's spent many years teaching youngsters--that diversity gives strength.

Chapter Focus

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OBSERVANCE

Seattle Chapter JACL wishes to thank those who helped organize this successful function: Cherry Kinoshita, Chuck Kato, Sam Shoji, Shea Aoki, Massie Tomita, Hana Masuda, Wayne Kimura and Ken Nakano. Those participating on the panel were Chiz Omori, moderator, Rod Kawakami, Roger Shimizu, Michael Leong, and Rev. Richard Nishioka conducted the candlelight ceremony. Over 130 people attended the event.

Donations for redress were received by the following:

Ken & June Okuma, Mr./Mrs. H.B. Nagasawa, Ed & Teru Kiyohara, Robert & Irene Takeuchi, Shigemi Tani, Ted & Sumi Kuramoto, Roy Kuse, George Nakagaki, Louis Ishino, Masao Kozai, George Morikawa, Fred Kataoka, Paul & Mary Hosoda, Minne & Jack Tachiyama, Hiroshi Ito, Tatsuo & Tomoko Sato, Mr./Mrs. M.J. Doi, George Koyama, Mr./Mrs. Shigeru Iwamoto, Mr./Mrs. Carl Asanuma, Fred Watari, Joe Shinyeda, Shizuko Kono, Dorthy & Frank Tsuboi, Akiye Sanbo, Mr./Mrs. E.K. Natori, Tsuyoshi Korekiyo, Mr./Mrs. Tetsuo Kuramoto, Ben Yamada, John Ohashi, Harry & Lillian Fujioka, Herb Furuta, Joseph Sugiura, Ken Sagami, Masao & Koko Sutow, and Tetsuo & Mary Izutsu.

Also contributing were Mr./Mrs. Minoru Kanazawa, Shoji Suko, Yoshio Furukawa, Kikuno Kimura, Sumie Akizuki, Masayuki Iwata, Mrs. Frank Iwata, Sumie Bartz, Masatoshi Aoyama, Edward & Gertrude Hayashi, Michael & Marion Fukuma, Peter Okada, Harry & Lily Ota, Michael Tracey, Tatemasa Oki, Shigeiko Hirai, Seigo Otani, George & Charity Hamano, Edith Kuramoto, Taki Brothers (Freeway Garage), Hinako Dogen, Orin Kato, Haruko Nakaso, Kathryn Hirose, Kiyoshi Taki, Ted & Marie Nakata, Taimi & Bill Dudley, Mas & Marie Honmyo, and Takeo & Mary Mochizuki.

Refreshments were donated for the event by Shea Aoki, Lillian Kato, Cherry Kinoshita, Hana Masuda, Betty Okura, Chizu Omori, Haruko Shoji and Massie Tomita.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The president is allowed to appoint additional Board members. They are as follows: Ken Nakano, Shea Aoki, Charles Z. Smith, Tim Gojio and Don Kazama. Also

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There are several committees looking for additional members. If you would like to help on any committee, call Bob Sato at 325-9243. To repeat his quote for the last Newsletter: "You'll enjoy the effort to benefit the community!"

The Installation Banquet Committee is very seriously looking for committee members. Their first meeting will be Thursday, March 27, 12 noon (brown bag with drinks provided) at the Center for Career Alternatives, 3700 Rainier Ave. So., #C. Call Kazzie Katayama at 325-5531 or Jerry Shigaki at 723-2286 for more information. See you there!

FEBRUARY DONATIONS

Seattle Chapter JA CL thanks Don & Sally Kazama for their donation.

The February Newsletter mailout was handled by: Ray Otani, Julie Otani, Hisa Watanabe, George Yano, George Nishi, Chuck Kato and Sharon Harada.

Community Notes

JACL OFFERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Seattle Chapter JA CL is presently accepting applications for five scholarships at \$500.00 each, available to students who will be attending an accredited vocational school, community college, undergraduate university, or graduate school, during the 1986-87 academic school year. Applicants must be of Japanese ancestry and reside in the Greater Seattle area.

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based primarily on the following criteria:

- academic achievement and potential;
- extracurricular activities;
- personal statement of educational goals and objectives;
- financial need.

Applications must be received no later than April 11, 1986. Mail applications to:

JACL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
 316 Maynard Avenue South Suite 108
 Seattle, WA 98104-2730

The Scholarship Committee will select and interview finalists in May. Confidentiality of all applications will be respected. For applications and more information, contact Diana Kato at 772-1177 (evenings), or Gail Okiyama at 226-1889.

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Calendar of Events

NWAAT RUMMAGE SALE -- Saturday, March 15, 11a.m. - 4 p.m., Nisei Vets Hall, 1212 S. King St. Sale of clothing, books and furniture to help support Northwest Asian American Theatre's 1986-87 season of plays.

TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING -- Monday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., JACL office, 316 Maynard Ave. S.

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office. Everyone welcome.

JAPANESE PERFORMING ARTS SERIES -- Saturday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington. Featured will be a koto concert performed by the Miyagi Kai koto school, and original contemporary music composed and performed by Esther Sugai and her group. Tickets are \$5, \$3 for seniors and students.

KAMPAI, CELEBRATION OF THE GENERATIONS -- Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. - 1 p.m., Butcher Atrium Restaurant, 5701 6th Ave. S. A night of food, drinks, entertainment and dancing to benefit the Keiro expansion project. Entertainers include recording artist Nobuko Miyamoto, jazz band Tony Gable & 206, dancer Crystal Tanabe and comedian Gregg Hashimoto. Lori Matsukawa will emcee. Tickets are \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. For more information, contact Crystal Tanabe, 526-7230.

JAYs MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, April 1, 7 p.m., JACL office.

1986 SEATTLE CHERRY BLOSSOM and JAPANESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL -- Friday, May 2, through Sunday, May 4, Seattle Center. Performances, exhibits and demonstrations by artists from Japan and local talents. Japanese metal art is featured for this year's festival.

CHESS TOURNAMENT -- Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S. Three-round swiss tournament with sections of 8-10 players. For more information, contact Eric Kashino (722-1950) or Rev. Bob Hashimoto (723-1536) at the church.

-- compiled by Ed Suguro

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT. . .

Will you take a few minutes to jot down some ideas for our newsletter or chapter activities?

Upcoming events -- please include this event in the JACL calender/newsletter:
(Event, sponsoring organization, date/time, contact person)

Please send a newsletter and membership application to:
(Name, address, zip code)

I would like to do more for JACL or volunteer for a committee. Please contact me.
(Name, day/evening phone, committees or areas of interest)


I would like to see more information in the newsletter on:

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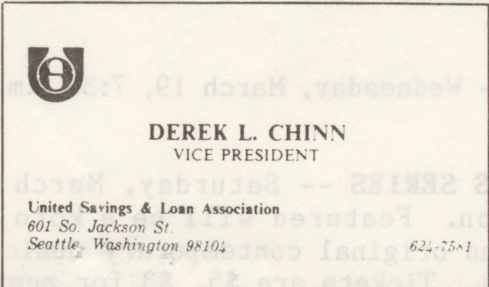


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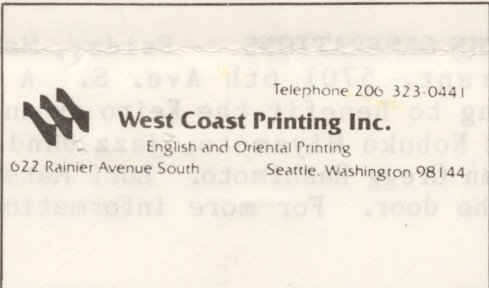
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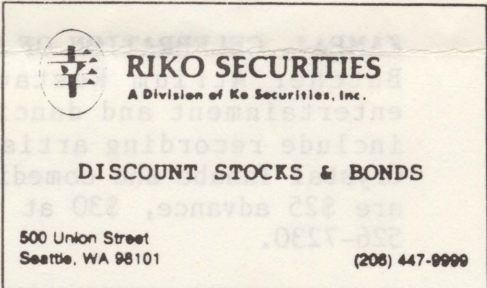
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