

# J A C L NEWSLETTER

## SEATTLE CHAPTER

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### A MESSAGE FROM CHAPTER PRESIDENT DAVID OKIMOTO

Many of you probably know that we are in the midst of a membership drive. Our goal is to increase our total membership to 1000. This amounts to an increase of 300 more than our current count. In order for us to meet our goal we need your help.

If every person who reads this were to recruit just one person, we'd meet our goal immediately with hundreds to spare! Professional fundraisers state that the number one reason people support a cause is because someone asked them. So, please ask someone to join. If you'd like a membership form, please contact me at 723-9372, and I will send one out.

More importantly, why should someone join JACL? The answer is quite simple: we are one of the most influential civil rights organizations in the country.

Locally, we are an avid advocate for the civil rights of all people. When community members feel that there has been an injustice perpetrated upon them, whom do they call? JACL. We are the organization that stands up to the negative media stereotypes, the discriminatory hiring practices and the racist attitudes of others. Through our dedicated volunteer efforts, we've been able to solve a multitude of highly sensitive and delicate issues.

So, please join me this year in supporting the JACL by recruiting just one new person. It could be your spouse, child, parent, friend or neighbor.

Remember, all you have to do is ask.

### Special Reports

#### REDRESS UPDATE: MOMENTUM GROWING IN CONGRESS FOR REDRESS BILL

The momentum in Congress is growing for redress support, with six new co-sponsors signing on to HR 442 during the last two months. Most significantly, a conservative Republican, Rep. Henry Hyde (Illinois) agreed to co-sponsor last September. Two other Republicans supporting the bill are Rep. Chip Pashayan (California) and Rep. Raymond McGrath (New York). On the Democratic side, three new co-sponsors include Rep. Steny Hoyer (Maryland), Rep. Lane Evans (Illinois), and Rep. Frederick Boucher (Virginia). Rep. Boucher is a key legislator because he is the fourth member of the House subcommittee to cosign, leaving only one more member to go in order to attain majority support within the subcommittee.

At a recent meeting with the Seattle Redress Committee, Rep. Mike Lowry (D-7th District) expressed more optimism than ever before about the bill's chances for passage.

#### LEC FUND DRIVE ROLLING ALONG

Seattle supporters of redress legislation have rallied to the funding needs of LEC, the lobbying arm of JACL, by raising \$7,770 as of October 31. This amount reaches 77 percent of the Seattle area goal of \$10,000. Five prime solicitors--Lloyd Hara, Cherry Kinoshita, Tomio Moriguchi, Robert Sato, and the Seattle Chapter Board (David Okimoto, Wayne Kimura)--with each having a quota of \$2,000 to raise, have succeeded in reaching 60 donors with donations ranging from \$15 to \$1,000.

As of the most recent count, with \$16,037 or 66 percent of its goal raised, the PNWD is running second among all eight districts in both total amount raised and percentage of quota reached.

Donations as of October 31 have been received in Seattle from the following: Shea Aoki, Lloyd Hara, James & Shuko Hara, Dr. Michael Higashi, Katsuma Higo, Ayako Okubo Hurd, Teruo Koba, Aki Kurose, Ken Nakano, Mako Nakagawa, Mr./Mrs. Frank Okimoto, Esther Sugai, Gail Tanaka, Elmer Tazuma, Masako Takayoshi (Denver), Ben/Sally Tsutsumoto, Valorie Yamasaki, Ben/Amy Yorita.

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Katsumi/Terrie Tanino, Yukio/Kimi Tazuma, Yoshi Uchiyama Tani (St. Paul, MN), Dr. Terrance Toda, Dr. John Uno, Ruth/Ben Woo, Mas/Hisa Watanabe, Art/Helene Yorozu, Toshiko Yoneji (Bloomington, MN), Mr./Mrs. Dick Yoshimura.

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\$500-\$999: Chihiro Kikuchi (Ann Arbor, Mich.), Tomio Moriguchi

\$1,000: Thomas T. Kobayashi

Since LEC is a 501(c)4 lobbying organization, contributions are not tax-deductible. Donations may be made payable to LEC/JACL and mailed to any of the prime solicitors or in care of the PNWD/JACL office, 316 Maynard So., Rm. 108, Seattle, WA 98104. Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

-- compiled by Cherry Kinoshita

## PROFILES OF THE SEATTLE CHAPTER OFFICERS

TREASURER GAIL TANAKA by Kara Tokita: If ever asked to describe Gail Tanaka, I would characterize her disposition as warm and amiable. Through the course of obtaining an interview with her, I discovered she was an extremely busy person.

I did, however, manage to catch a few minutes with Gail at the International Community Health Center, a clinic that aids Asians and Pacific Islanders in King County. She has worked there for five years and now serves as the Executive Director.

Because work takes up so much of her time, Gail finds it difficult to pursue a hobby which she truly enjoys--traveling. This past summer, Gail had the opportunity to spend four weeks sightseeing and touring in Nicaragua and New Guinea. When asked about her future travel plans, she replied, "I enjoy traveling to new places at least once. Next time, I'd like to go someplace I've never been before."

When it comes to keeping physically fit, nothing steps in the way of her sports. Gail can be found on a basketball court or softball field, playing on Asian women's teams. Also, Gail serves as JACL Representative on the Nikkei Concerns Board and is associated with the Seattle Women's Commission.

If you've ever noticed, Gail never wastes a minute of precious time. Gail's a pro at getting things done during her busy schedule, even if it means having to do two things at once. At the JACL Board Meetings, you'll find Gail with her hands working rapidly at yet another one of her hobbies--knitting, while her ears are listening attentively to the concerns of our community.

## Chapter Focus

### OCTOBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board passed a motion to amend Article V, Section 6 of the By-Laws which reads: "No member is eligible to hold more than one elective office." The amendment would add, "and no member is eligible to hold the same elective office for more than three consecutive terms."

Ken Nakano of the International Relations Committee reported that they have sent a letter to U.S. Congressman Mike Lowry, requesting his support of "Jpn." as the official abbreviation for Japan/Japanese.

Ken also reported on the "Puget Sound Area Nikkei History" project. This project received a \$1,000 grant by the Motoda Foundation and was commissioned to Professor Tetsuden Kashima at the University of Washington. The project involves writing a book in English on the history of Seattle area Nikkei and is currently 50 percent completed.

Cherry Kinoshita of the Legislative Education Committee (LEC) reported that our chapter is at 66 percent of its LEC fundraising goal.

President Dave Okimoto accepted the resignation of Theresa Fujiwara from the Board due to her other commitments. The Board is now looking for a new Anti-Discrimination Committee chair. Please contact Dave at 723-9372 if you are interested.

The Board accepted the slate of nominees as presented by the Nominations Committee, except that the position of Recording Secretary currently does not have a nominee. This will be left blank on the ballot, and the Committee will work to fill that position by the end of the year.

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The Membership Campaign is full steam ahead with Roger Shimizu/Mako Nakagawa's team in the lead. The recruiting drive has been extended to the December Board meeting.

Ben Nakagawa asked the Board to decide between two locations for the 1988 National Convention so that further commitments can be made. The Board voted for the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Seattle. Ben is also looking for workshop ideas for young people from the teens to the 30's age group to be held during the convention. Please contact him at 762-7824 if you have ideas.

October Donations: A warm thank you to the University Students Club for a generous contribution to the JACL Min Masuda Memorial Fund. Also, the same to Molly Watanabe, Yone Bartholomew and Kent Kusabe for donations to the Directory.

The October mailout crew was: Sam Shoji, Alan Kurimura, Leita Ovena, Alan Momohara, Evelyn Adkins, Wayne Kimura, Ken Nakano and Alan Huynh Kurimura.

**ISSEI MEMORIAL PLAQUE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

The Issei Memorial Plaque, which was established as a part of the Issei Tribute during the 1985 Installation Banquet, has been expanded to accomodate additional names. For a \$10 donation to JACL, you can remember an Issei by adding their name to the engraved plaque. The plaque is on display at the JACL office at 316 Maynard Ave. South. Please complete and mail to us the following:

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**A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

If you submit an article to the JA CL Newsletter or wish to have an event announced in the Calendar of Events, your copy must be at the JA CL office no later than the first of the month to be included in that month's newsletter.

All copy is collected, written and laid out during the first week of the month. The layout is brought to the printers the following Monday and the completed newsletter is mailed out by the volunteer crew on Wednesday of the same week. That means the newsletter itself finally reaches our JA CL membership at least two or more days afterwards, depending on the speed of your mail delivery. So, you will be reading the newsletter around the middle of the month.

A lot of announcements we have received could not be printed because they would have been dated by the time the newsletter was mailed out.

Therefore, if the event that you would like published occurs between the first and the 15th of the month, you will have to submit a notice for that event a month ahead.

Wakarimasen?

Example: for the next December issue, any event that happens after the 15th will be included. If the event occurs between the first and 15th of December, it should have been submitted for this issue. For a function in early January, get it to us for the December issue.

And while we are on the subject of this very newsletter, please patronize our advertisers. Because of them, you are reading this newsletter now.

Thanks.

**Community Notes**

**HIROSHIMA CLUB AND KOMO RADIO AND TELEVISION SPONSOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Seattle Hiroshima Club is sponsoring a scholarship program for seniors graduating from high school in June of 1986 who are children or grandchildren of Hiroshima Club members. Counselors for high schools in the greater Seattle area will be receiving these applications. Students interested in applying should contact their counselor.

KOMO Radio and Television will fund a scholarship program to aid minority students interested in a career in broadcasting. Up to three full-time tuition scholarships will be awarded.

Non-white high school students throughout the state who finish in the top half of their class and plan to attend either a community college or vocational/technical school, leading to an eventual career in broadcasting, are eligible.

Applicants are requested to submit copies of their high school transcript, college entrance test scores, an essay explaining their educational and career goals, involvement in school activities, experience in broadcast communications that they feel qualifies them for the scholarship, and two letters of recommendation to: KOMO Radio and Television, Community Relations Scholarship, 100 4th Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109. Deadline is March 1, 1986.

The JA CL Newsletter is published each month by the Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. Send items for inclusion by the first of the month to JA CL, 316 Maynard Ave. So. (Rm. 108), Seattle, WA 98104. To advertise send \$40 (for 12 issues) and a camera-ready ad the size of a business card or smaller. -- Editor Ken Mochizuki



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## Calendar of Events

**INNOVASIONS '85** -- Friday and Saturday, November 15 & 16, 8 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 6th So. and So. Washington. An Asian American look at love, life and pain in a view of the world through modern dance. Choreographed by Marian "Bengie" Santos and Carl Yamamoto. Sponsored by Northwest Asian American Theatre.

**AYAME-KAI's FOURTH ANNUAL CRAFTS SALE** -- Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 So. Main St. Sale of pottery, quilts, toys, dolls, children's clothing, Christmas decorations, etc. To benefit the Keiro Nursing Home.

**ASIAN COUNSELING & REFERRAL SERVICE FUNDRAISER** -- Tuesday, November 19, 11 a.m., Dome Room of the Artic Club, 3rd & Cherry. Governor Booth Gardner will give Puget Sound business and industry leaders a Pacific Rim update following his tour of Asia. Mike James of KING-TV will show a video presentation on manufacturing in Asia. Donation is \$25.00 that includes lunch. RSVP by November 15 to Joyce Yoshikawa, A.C.R.S., at 447-3651. For more information, contact Theresa Fujiwara, Executive Director at 447-3609, or Benson Wong, Board President, at 623-1900.

**LW JACL BOUTIQUE FUNDRAISER** -- Sunday, November 17, 1 - 4 p.m., at the home of Leslie and Dale Birkland, 10500 N.E. 47th Place, Kirkland. Fashionable boutique items and Christmas merchandise will be sold to benefit the Lake Washington JACL.

**SEATTLE CHAPTER BOARD MEETING** -- Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office. Everyone welcome.

**FIRST HILL LIONS CLUB ANNUAL LAS VEGAS NIGHT** -- Wednesday, November 27, 5 p.m. - 1 a.m., Bush Garden Restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave. So. Blackjack and dice, \$10 limit. Soft music, cocktails and dining.

**NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN THEATRE COMMUNITY SHOW-OFF** -- Saturday, December 7, 8 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 6th So. and So. Washington. The fourth annual fundraising talent show where you might be surprised who you see on stage! Donation is \$10.

**LW JACL DINNER MEETING** -- Saturday, December 7. For reservations and info., contact Karen Akira at 454-9826, or Yo Yasuda at 747-2589 as soon as possible.

**TOMO-NO-KAI DINNER** -- Saturday, December 14, 6 p.m., Kawabe House dining room, 221 18th So. Potluck Christmas dinner.

-- 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:

INFORMATION AND OTHER COMMENTS:

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Contact Sharon Harada at 226-1881 regarding the chapter newsletter.

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