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SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT KENDRICK APPOINTS ASIANS

William Kendrick, superintendent of Seattle Public Schools, recently appointed Asian Pacific Americans to key administrative positions within the Seattle School District.

Last month, several Asian Pacific American organizations, including Seattle Chapter JACL, voted "no confidence" in the school superintendent. They attacked his lack of hiring Asians to assistant superintendent and cabinet-level positions within the School District, his inability to meet with the Asian Pacific American community, and his inattention to the needs of Asian Pacific American students, which included problems with low achievement test scores and support of bilingual education.

Kendrick named Cheryl Chow and Libia Gil as Area Directors. An Area Director supervises all the principals within his or her district. Chow is a former Administrative Supervisor of Middle Schools, and Gil is a former elementary school teacher and desegregation officer for the Los Angeles County School District.

Eleven new elementary school principals were also appointed, including Venus Placer-Barber, a Filipino American; and Bi Hoa Caldwell, a Chinese American.

Named to the Management Council, which will serve as an advisory group to the superintendent, were Libia Gil; Aimee Hirabayashi, director of Basic Educational Services; Edmon Lee, assistant to the director of Educational Equity and Compliance; and Rosendo Luna, assistant principal at West Seattle.

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The Disproportionality Task Force, which studies and recommends action on academic achievement, disciplinary action, special education and drop-out rates, includes nine Asian Pacific American members. Among those nine members are Aimee Hirabayashi; Gil Hirabayashi, community relations person for the U.S. Department of Justice; and Tsuguo "Ike" Ikeda, former director of the Atlantic Street Center and Seattle Chapter JACL member.

Special Reports

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Job discrimination, unfair business practices, real estate restrictions, Executive Order 9066, internment—these are familiar words that bring to mind disgusting experiences which most of us were subjected to. The lesson learned from such a bad experience cries out for us to do those things necessary to assure that we are never again left out of the political process.

Be an elected official, get involved and support the candidate of your choice, stay in touch after he or she is elected. Let's be a force in the political process, for only then do we have a chance to promote the best ideals of an inclusive American democracy.

Vote during the primary election on September 16, and at the general elections on November 4!

Chapter Focus

AUGUST BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Naomi Iwata-Sanchez, chair of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, gave a report on several committee activities. On July 29, the committee met with civil rights organizations at a no-host dinner meeting at the Silver Dragon Restaurant. Organized by committee members Marie Coon, Sanchez and Terri Eguchi, the purpose of the meeting was to become better acquainted with organizations which share a similar focus and interest.

The following organizations were represented: American Jewish Committee, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Seattle Human Rights Department, Washington State Human Rights Commission, American Civil Liberties Union, Korean

Association and the Central Area Motivation Program.

Committee members attending the dinner were: Tim Gojio, Marie Coon, Jill

Nishi, Roger Shimizu, Cherry Kinoshita, Naomi Iwata-Sanchez and Bob Sato. Based on the successful turnout, enthusiasm and interest expressed by the attendees, the organization agreed to meet on a monthly basis for the purpose of information-sharing and mutual support.

Naomi thanked her committee members for an excellent job: Roger Shimizu,

Marie Coon, Terry Eguchi, Jill Nishi and Tim Gojio.

The Anti-Discrimination Committee also sent a letter to several media stations to call attention to the committee and its purpose. KIRO Radio and TV called to thank the committee for sending the letter.

On behalf of the committee, Roger Shimizu sent a letter to Auburn Mitsubishi in response to their offensive TV advertisement. The Seattle Times and KIRO Radio

reported that JACL is protesting the advertisement.

One area the Anti-Discrimination Committee would like to work further on is individual discrimination cases, and they would like to be informed of these individual circumstances. Contact Naomi at 587-4100 with information on individual cases, or if you would like assistance.

Wayne Kimura reported on a no-host dinner with Min Yasui on August 16. Yasui felt that the House would be the major problem in passing the redress bill through Congress. He felt that we need the solid support of the congressional delegation from all the western states.

Cherry Kinoshita reported that Slade Gorton changed his position on the redress bill, particularly the payment issue. Cherry urged that letters be sent to Sen. Gorton. Naomi Iwata-Sanchez proposed to set up a meeting with him.

Wendy Watanabe, chair of the Public Relations Committee, reported that a mailing list has been developed and is ready for use to publicize events to the media and community organizations. Mits Katayama is still working on a new logo. The Chapter will be providing a new "speakers bureau" service to community organizations. The speakers will inform organizations about the Chapter and its activities and goals. Contact Wendy at 723-7345 if your organization is interested.

The Nominations Committee is hard at work developing the 1987 slate of officers and Board members. However, its long-time leader, Don Kazama, is ill and not able to continue in this position. We are looking for a person to chair the committee and complete the work that is almost finished. Please contact May Sasaki at 762-9146 if you are interested in chairing this committee or would like to run for a Board position.

Participating in the August newsletter mailout were Dale Watanabe, Shirley



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Rollolazo, Brian Uemura, Anne Uemura, Hana Masuda and Ken Nakano. The July newsletter mailout team included George Abe, Hana Masuda, Ed Suguro, Ken Nakano, Cherry Kinoshita, Pat Terao and Chuck Kato.

TN MEMORTAM

Kino Nogaki, one of the charter members of the Seattle Chapter JACL, passed away on August 8. She helped arrange one of the first national conventions in Seattle and was also the sister of past Seattle Chapter JACL President Kengo Nogaki.

DAY AT THE RACES

The Seattle JACL will host a special "Day at the Races" fundraiser on Saturday, October 25 at Longacres Race Track in Renton.

Tickets to the fundraiser are available for \$18 each, and include clubhouse admission, reserved seating and a buffet luncheon. Gates open at 11:30 a.m., with the first race at 1:00 p.m. A special race will be designated in honor of JACL by Longacres.

Call Ken Katayama at 324-3879 for further information or to order tickets, or use the order form below.

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Community Notes

ALAN KURIMURA BECOMES DIRECTOR OF CITIZENS SERVICE BUREAU

Alan Kurimura, staff assistant to Seattle Mayor Charles Royer since 1983, has assumed new duties as director of the Citizens Service Bureau.

An active Chapter member, Alan replaces Judith Flemings, who resigned to take a position in the City's Department of Human Resources. Alan has previously served as a legislative assistant to City Council member George Benson and as a project director in the Department of Community Development.

BECKY SASAKI SELECTED AS TRUMAN SCHOLAR

Becky Sasaki, a Junior at the University of Washington, was selected as one of the nation's 1986 Truman Scholars and received the award at a special ceremony in Independence, Missouri at the Harry Truman Library.

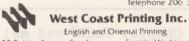
The scholarships were presented to 100 college and university students after an intensive academic search on campuses throughout the United States. Truman scholarships consist of awards of up to \$7,000 a year for up to four years of college and graduate study in courses leading toward a career in public service. Over 950 nominations for the award were received.

The Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress to help young people prepare for a career in government. This is the tenth year that Harry S. Truman Scholarships have been awarded.

NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN THEATRE SEEKING ACTS FOR COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW

Northwest Asian American Theatre (NWAAT) is looking for local talent to perform at the fifth annual International District "Community Show-Off" to be held on October 4 at the Nippon Kan Theatre.

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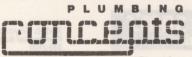
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Producer Bea Kiyohara will consider any talent from Seattle's Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Indo-Chinese and Pacific-Islander communities. All acts will have a chance to perform five to 20 minutes of their own material before an audience of friends, family and the community. Interested talent should contact the show director at 285-8218, or Bea Kiyohara at 722-3157.

The "Community Show-Off" is an annual Seattle Asian American community event

to raise funds for NWAAT, the only Asian American theater company in the Pacific

Northwest.

SEATTLE TAIKO RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

Seattle Taiko, the popular Sansei drumming group, will hold a workshop for new members on Saturday, September 20 from noon to 4 p.m. The workshop will be held at 915 East Pine. Athletic attire is recommended and a fee of \$5 will be charged for bachi (sticks). For more information, call 382-1073.

The six-year-old group has played to huge audiences at every major local arts festival. Seattle Taiko has made regular appearances at events like the Cherry Blossom Festival, Folklife Festival, Portland Obon festival and Bumbershoot.

NEW BOOK ABOUT ISSEI IN CALIFORNIA

"Nothing Left in My Hands," a new book by Seattle writer Kazuko Nakane, describes the development of a Japanese American community in California's Pajaro Valley, from its founding by the Issei to the community's eventual dispersal on the eve of World War II.

The book, published by Young Pine Press in Seattle, is based on oral interviews with 21 Issei pioneers who describe their emigration to this country, their lives in America, and their contributions as seasonal laborers,

sharecroppers and farmers.

"Nothing Left in My Hands" is available through the author for \$9.95 plus \$2 postage. Washington residents should also add 79 cents sales tax. Make checks payable to Kazuko Nakane, P.O. Box 45286, Seattle, WA 98145-0286. The book is also available at David Ishii Bookseller in Pioneer Square.



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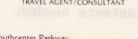


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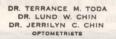
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CHAPTER BOARD MEETING -- Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., Chapter office.

Everyone welcome.

GEORGE TSUTAKAWA AND THE WORLD OF FOUNTAINS -- Wednesday, Sept. 17, Artic Building, Dome Room, 700 Third Ave. No-host reception at 11:30 a.m., luncheon and program at noon. Benefit for the library at the Wing Luke Museum's new location on Seventh Avenue and South Jackson. World renown artist and sculptor George Tsutakawa will lecture about his work and his fountains around the world.

SINGLE ADULT GROUP FUN RUN/WALK -- Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m., Myrtle Edwards Park. Reservations are required for the brunch, which costs \$7.50. For more information, call the Blaine Memorial Methodist Church at 723-1536 or Sharon

Harada at 226-1881.

LAKE WASHINGTON JACL'S MARTIAL ARTS PROGRAM -- Saturday, Sept. 20, Kirkland Ramada Inn, 105th N.E. & Northrup Way. Social hour at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. dinner, 8.p.m. program. Cost: \$13 dinner and program; \$3 program only. Reservations: 885-9654 or 747-2589.

KEIRO'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY -- Sunday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m., Keiro dining room, 1700 24th Ave. S. Special guests will be Consul General Toshio Isogai and Washington Association of Homes for the Aged Executive Director Chuck Hawley. Special recognition will be given to Keiro's many volunteers. Info: 322-4897.

TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING -- Monday, Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m., JACL office. The arts as it

relates to Japanese Americans.

LAKE WASHINGTON JACL'S LEC BENEFIT BREAKFAST SEMINAR "PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE" --Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Kirkland Ramada Inn, 105th N.E. & Northrup Way. Cost: JACL members \$20; couples \$30; non-members \$30; couples \$40. Shox Tokita, MBA, and Mikio Ishimaru, attorney, will focus on personal financial planning, estate planning and wills. Proceeds from this event will go to the redress effort. Reservations: 885-9654 or 747-2589.

NICHIREN BUDDHIST CHURCH FUJINKAI'S CHOW MEIN DINNER .-- Sunday, Sept. 28, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at Nichiren Buddhist Church, 1042 S. Weller St. Tickets are \$3,

available from members or at the church.

JAYS MONTHLY MEETING -- Tuesday, October 7, 7 p.m., JACL office.

LAKE WASHINGTON, WHITE RIVER, PUYALLUP VALLEY AND OLYMPIA CHAPTER'S CASINO NIGHT -- Saturday, Oct. 18, Heritage Inn, Tacoma. Joint fundraising project being planned by the four chapters for the PNW District's operational budget. Volunteers needed. Info: Don Maekawa, 746-3398.

--compiled by Ed Suguro

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