

# J A C L NEWSLETTER

## SEATTLE CHAPTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We quickly approach the Christmas and New Year celebrations, marking the close of 1986 and my term in office. I am blessed with the many new acquaintances and friendships gained from the many activities thrust upon me by the very active officers and Directors of the Seattle Chapter. To all the 1986 officers and Directors, I say thank you for a job well done.

To the officers and Directors of the new Board, I say there is a challenging amount of exciting things to do to promote the welfare of the Japanese American Community and the greater American community. Racial tolerance and understanding, redressing the violation of Constitutional rights and privileges, quality education, community outreach and networking, supporting the development of our young people to greet new heights, and political involvement are some of the ways we can contribute our personal efforts to make this a better America. We need to keep trying!

Happy Holidays, everyone.

Bob Sato  
President

### Chapter Focus

#### CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR DECEMBER 17 BOARD MEETING

Prima Vera Gallery Cafe  
112 5th Avenue North  
6:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10 for dinner and a money donation for the food bank is requested instead of a gift. Everyone is welcome to attend!

#### YOUNG JACLer GROUP TO BE FORMED

A Young JACLers group (age 30, plus or minus three or four years) is being formed. Gary Matsudaira, Teresa Sato and Glen Furuta met with Bob and Lucy Sato on December 2 for some preliminary discussions. How about joining the group to find out what JACL is all about? You can help your community, get to know more about your heritage and make new friends! Next organization meeting will be held on January 13, 1987, 7:00 p.m. at Bob and Lucy Sato's residence, 1501 E. Lynn, 325-9243. Bring your ideas; we'd love to see you.

-- Bob Sato

#### ELECTION RESULTS

The 1987 JACL elections are over and 227 of the 800 plus ballots mailed out were returned. With the exception of the Officers and Group I, since both groups ran unopposed, the races for Group II and Group III were closely contested. For instance, the results showed that, in the Group II race, only 12 votes separated the top three finishers, and only eight votes separated the three nominees for the the seventh and final slot. In Group III, the last five Board positions were separated by 15 votes.

The results of the 1987 JACL elections are:

President: May Sasaki  
President-Elect: Roger Shimizu  
1st VP: Vicki Toyohara  
2nd VP: Ben Nakagawa  
3rd VP: David Hoekendorf  
4th VP: Wayne Kimura  
Corresponding Secretary: May Namba  
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Board Delegate: Bob Sato

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Group III: Art Kuniyuki  
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A debt of gratitude is owed to Don Kazama, the original Chair of the Nominations Committee. His forethought and commitment to JACL in general and specifically to encourage new and young JACLers to be more actively involved will always be remembered. The committee only carried out what Don set into place. Hopefully, he would have been proud of those who were elected and who will continue the tradition and goals of JACL.

I would like to thank those who counted ballots for their diligence and patience. They are Bob and Lucy Sato, May Sasaki, George Abe, Massie Tomita, Rod Kaseguma (and his children), and especially Sam Shoji (for his electric letter opener). I would also like to thank the Nominations Committee for their good work: Sam Shoji, May Sasaki, Massie Tomita, Janice Nishimori, Rod Kaseguma, Kara Tokita, Dale Watanabe, Al Kurimura and Vicki Toyohara.

-- Gil Hirabayashi  
 Nominations Committee

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Gail Tanaka, Chapter Treasurer**, gave a status report on the the Chapter's finances. Our fundraising goals for the year were short of projections, but our expenses were in line. As of October, we are \$5,243 short of income over expenses. Gail projects about the same amount of shortage by the end of the year.

**Diana Kato, JACL National Board Youth Representative**, reported that National JACL scholarships are available. The deadline for applications is March, 1987. Contact Diana at 772-1177 for more information.

**Sam Shoji** reported that memorial donations for Don Kazama can be made to the Endowment Fund rather than to a separate fund. These memorial donations should be specifically noted as for Don Kazama. The Board passed a motion to approve this suggestion.

A "Don Kazama Civil Rights Award" will be awarded annually with the first award to be presented at the next January Installation Banquet. A certificate will be given to the recipient, and a permanent plaque in the Chapter office will list all the recipients of this award. This motion was passed by the Board.

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**Naomi Iwata-Sanchez of the Anti-Discrimination Committee** reported that 24 people attended the November 5 dinner and meeting of Seattle-area human rights organizations. She felt that the event was an excellent networking opportunity for the organizations. This coalition plans to meet every two months, and the next meeting is planned for February.

**Wayne Kimura of the Redress Committee** commented that the Bainbridge Island photo exhibit on November 8 and 9 was very well done and attracted a good turnout. Wayne also mentioned that 1987 is probably going to be the most important year for redress. This is because the top three people in Congress are in favor of redress.

**Ken Nakano of the International Relations Committee** gave a report on the farewell tribute for Japanese Consul Toshio Isogai. At an October dinner in his honor, prominent local officials attended, including U.S. Congressman Mike Lowry, City Council member Dolores Sibonga, City Director of Human Resources Dave Okimoto, Seattle Chapter JACL President Bob Sato and JACL National Vice President Cherry Kinoshita. Isogai, who has been reassigned to an as-yet undisclosed location, stressed the importance of free trade between Japan and Washington State and cautioned against protectionist legislation.

**DEADLINE FOR INSTALLATION BANQUET**

The last day to reserve a seat for the 1987 JACL Installation Banquet is January 10, 1987. Make your reservations now and join JACL in Saluting Nikkei Pioneer Businesses. The Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 24, 1987 at the Atrium, 5701 6th Ave. So. (Benaroya Business Park). No host cocktails will be available at 5:00 and dinner will be served at 6:00. Tickets are \$20 per person. Make your checks payable to Seattle Chapter JACL and mail to:

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The following donors will help support JACL activities through their generous donations:

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Appreciation is also extended to the November newsletter mailing team: Bob and Lucy Sato, Ray and Julie Otani, Mako and Margaret Yanagimachi, Hana Masuda, Sam Shoji, George Abe, May Sasaki, Gil Hirabayashi and Rod Kaseguma.

**Community Notes**

**NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN THEATRE TO PREMIERE "MISS MINIDOKA 1943"**

"Miss Minidoka 1943," an original musical by local playwright Gary Iwamoto, will premiere on the new theater stage of Northwest Asian American Theatre (NWAAT) on January 28, 1987. Currently under construction, the new theater is located beneath the new Wing Luke Asian Museum at 409 7th Ave. S. in the International District.

NWAAT is promoting the new work as a play that "uses 11 performers to examine, through gentle humor, spirited original songs and kinky choreography, the larger lessons of judging people at 'face value.' A camp-sponsored beauty contest spells excitement for four young Japanese-American women. Gradually, each one sees for herself the ways a Japanese heritage and an American upbringing vie for loyalties."

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"Miss Minidoka 1943" will be performed through March 1, 1987.

**HARRY KADOSHIMA HONORED FOR "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"**

Harry T. Kadoshima, Group Manager for the Internal Revenue Service, EP/EO Division, was honored for his community volunteer work on a live telecast of KING-TV's "Making A Difference."

For the past 10 years, Harry has been an officer, board member and active volunteer at Nikkei Concerns. In April, he initiated a fundraising campaign to raise \$2 million in matching funds for the new 150-bed Keiro Nursing Home. Through his organization and leadership, all fundraising goals have been met and construction for the new facility began in May of this year.

Harry is also an advisor and active member of the Japanese Community Service, Chinese Nursing Home Society, Mayor's Small Business Task Force, and Association of City Treasurers.

"Making A Difference," co-sponsored by MetroCenter YMCA, KING-TV and Pacific Northwest Bell, is an annual awards event, honoring individuals who have helped improve the quality of life in their community.

**KOMO NOW SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR BROADCAST SCHOLARSHIPS**

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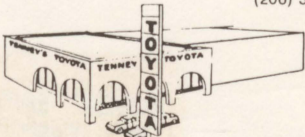
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**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

Better late than never (at least before the end of the year): My thanks to the officers and Board members of the Seattle Chapter for placing the congratulations announcement for my reception of the Henry & Chiyo Kuwahara Creative Arts Scholarship in the scholarship edition of the Pacific Citizen (yes, it was a long time ago).

And, abruptly shifting gears here (sorry about that, but I'm afraid I must): Please remember that the deadline for all submissions to this newsletter is the first of each month! Thanks.

-- Ken Mochizuki

**Calendar of Events**

**TOMO-NO-KAI MEETING** -- Saturday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m., Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S. Potluck dinner. All widows and widowers are invited.

**PUYALLUP VALLEY JAACL MOCHITSUKI** -- Sunday, Dec. 14, Tacoma Buddhist Church, 1717 S. Fawcett, 9 a.m.

**CHAPTER BOARD MEETING** -- Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m., Prima Vera Gallery Cafe, 112 5th Ave. N.

**BOARD RETREAT** -- Saturday, Jan. 10, 9 a.m., Blaine Memorial Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S.

**NIPPON KAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION'S PERFORMING ARTS SERIES -- "OSHOGATSU"** -- Saturday, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Program of tea ceremony, koto, shamisen, kabuki dance drama and lion dance.

**CHAPTER INSTALLATION BANQUET** -- Saturday, Jan. 24, 5 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner, The Atrium, 5701 6th Ave. S., \$20 per person. Info.: 527-1464 or 322-5548.

-- submitted by Ed Suguro

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