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OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1988

The official returns for the 1988 election of officers and Board members are in. To no one's surprise, the entire slate of candidates was elected. Most races were not very close, probably because they were all uncontested. Officially, 156 of you cast ballots this year. Last year, 227 ballots were returned.

Here are the winners...

Officers:

President: Roger Shimizu
President Elect: Naomi Iwata-Sanchez
1st Vice President: Vicki Toyohara
2nd Vice President: Teresa Sato
3rd Vice President: Jerry Shigaki
4th Vice President: Tim Gojio
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Ken Nakano	Wayne Kimura	Daren Nakagawa
Sam Shoji	Darrell Mihara	Belle Nishioka
Massie Tomita	Dave Okimoto	Dale Watanabe

Sincerest thanks go to the dedicated Nominations Committee members. They are May Sasaki, Teresa Sato, Massie Tomita, Kazzie Katayama, Roger Shimizu and Vicki Toyohara. Special thanks to the person who had a machine for everything, which made our task easier -- Sam Shoji.

-- submitted by Gil Hirabayashi, Nominations Committee chair

Chapter Focus

FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE 1987 JA CL PRESIDENT

Thank you for an exciting and challenging year as JA CL President. It gave me the opportunity to witness community spirit and unselfish volunteerism at its finest.

Throughout the year, I was continually impressed by the level of commitment and dedication demonstrated by so many JA CLers and their readiness to support the various Seattle Chapter efforts. These included the social and educational events, the fundraising projects, the monthly newsletter mailouts, the redress letter-writing campaigns, the numerous speaking engagements and the many, many behind-the-scenes chores so unglamorous but still so vital to the organization's operation. The committees worked tirelessly and provided the backbone of the Chapter's functioning mode.

I was also impressed with the ease with which three generations of Nikkei -- nisei, sansei and yonsei -- worked together. The older members provided the history and experience, and the younger members infused their energetic zeal and fresh ideas. That's an unbeatable combination!

The newly elected officers and Board members are ready and raring to go! Please give them your generous support as 1988 promises to be a very busy year. With the National JA CL Convention to be hosted by the Seattle Chapter attracting

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people from all across the nation, many recreational, educational and social activities, aside from JACL business, are planned. There is a job for everyone to do. I know you will all join us and make this convention the best ever!

-- May Sasaki

INSTALLATION BANQUET UPDATE

The annual Seattle Chapter Japanese American Citizens League installation and awards dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 1987 at the Bush Garden Restaurant. Commencing the evening will be a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The price for the full-course Japanese dinner will be \$20.00 per person plus the donation of a can of food at the door for the needy.

The dinner, which will be held in conjunction with the annual Christmas party, will feature local and community entertainment, including members of the Seattle Organ Kai performing selections on an organ donated by the Seattle Organ Center. Seating capacity at the banquet is 250. Early reservations are recommended.

Full tables of eight may be reserved in advance by filling out the banquet reservation form below. Send it, together with a list of eight names and a check for \$160.00, to: Ayako Hurd, 9040 Meridian Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98103. Those unable to get together a table of eight may also use the form and mail it, along with a check for \$20.00 per person, to Ayako Hurd. Please make checks payable to Seattle Chapter JACL. These individuals will be guaranteed a place at the dinner, but will not receive a specific, advance seating assignment.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, December 14, 1987. Those without reservations will be admitted to the dinner on a space available basis only. For further information, please call Ayako Hurd (527-1464), Hana Masuda (322-0691), or David Hoekendorf (547-5135).

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1988 RETREAT NOTICE

The 1988 Board, committee chairs and members; and the '88 convention chairs, members and interested members are invited to attend the joint Chapter Board and '88 convention retreat on January 9, 1988, 9 a.m., at the Fellowship Hall of the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. So.

We wish to set our 1988 agenda, fully staff our Chapter and convention committees, establish guidelines, set deadlines, and become better acquainted with one another. Please join us.

Call me at 682-9932 or 722-4753 for confirmation or regrets.

-- 1988 President Roger Shimizu

YEAR OF PROGRESS FOR DOSHI KAI

We were called the "blank group" and the "no name group" for lack of better names. For awhile, we were the "young adults." Since last spring, we've called ourselves "Doshi Kai," which loosely translates to "group sharing the same high goals."

Doshi Kai has attempted to meet the needs of its participants in conjunction with encouraging more involvement in JACL. There are no "average" participants; rather we are students, entrepreneurs and professionals. We are early 20s to mid-30s in age. We have an interest in the Seattle Nikkei community.

Some of us wanted a group of Asian friends. Others wanted to polish or hone their leadership skills. Some have wanted to learn more about JACL. Others want to contribute to the community.

Whatever the initial reason, we continue to grow and evolve. Our accomplishments this year include:

- establishing ourselves as an entity, although not separate from the greater JACL;
- increasing the participation of Sansei in the Seattle Chapter (60 percent of the 1988 officers and Board are Sansei);
- becoming aware of the significance of community involvement;
- including local community leaders in our meetings (thanks to Nobie Chan, Dave Okimoto, Chiz Norton, Lori Matsukawa, Frank Abe, Dr. Frank Miyamoto, Jan Yoshiwara and Gary Locke);
- planning our "Making a Difference" leadership weekend for January, 1988 with the help of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) members J.D. Hokoyama and Irene Hirano. Topics of interest are risk-taking, leadership styles, assertiveness, running an effective meeting;
- developing some effective working relationships and friendships;
- participating in various Seattle Chapter activities and projects (e.g., Cherry Blossom Festival, Seafair, Reno night).

There are still many things we can consider doing in the coming year. For information about Doshi Kai, contact Karyn Lamborn, Gary Matsudaira or Teresa Sato.

--submitted by Teresa Sato




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The "Making a Difference" Leadership Development retreat, sponsored by the Doshi Kai group of JACL, will be held January 22 through 24, 1988 at Pilgrim Firs in Port Orchard, WA. Deadline for the \$45.00 registration fee (which includes meals and lodging) is December 31, 1987. Checks should be made payable to Seattle Chapter JACL and sent to:

Randy Fukuji
22927 Edmonds Way #D-26
Edmonds, WA 98020

For more information, please contact Teresa Sato (367-87).

DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS

Thank you and congratulations to George Iwasaki who recently received a Faculty Achievement award at The First Annual Northwest Community College Conference. Iwasaki teaches electronics at North Seattle Community College.

Iwasaki celebrated his award by making a donation to JACL's Reverend Emery Andrews scholarship fund, which he started in 1966 when he was president of the Chapter.

Other donations: Takako Hashiguchi donated for the directory.

November's mailout crew included Mas Watanabe, May & George Yano, Margaret Gojio, Margaret Yanagimachi, George Abe and Lisa Chian.

The Newsletter Committee would like to apologize to those people who received an outdated newsletter for November. Due to an unexpected circumstance during the mailout, some old newsletters were mixed in with the new. It also seems some members did not receive a newsletter. We sincerely apologize, and we will make every effort to avoid these situations that "mess up" an otherwise good mailout process.

-- Sharon Harada, Newsletter Committee chair

SEARCHING FOR FACTS AND PICTURES FROM THE PAST

The 1988 National JACL Convention booklet will feature a pictorial history about Japanese Americans in Seattle and the Puget Sound area. We are looking for any photographs and concise written histories concerning Nikkei in Seattle,

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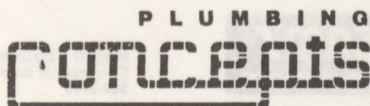


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FROM THE EDITOR

As another year of JACL newsletter editing ends, my thanks to Ed Suguro for compiling the Calendar of Events every month, Hisa Watanabe and all the mailout volunteers, Sharon Harada and the Newsletter Committee, and everybody who contributed articles and help. Thanks, Happy Holidays, and have a good one!

-- Ken Mochizuki, Newsletter Editor

Community Notes

APPLICANTS BEING SOUGHT FOR 1988 JAPAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program, co-sponsored by Japanese prefectural and municipal governments and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Education and Home Affairs of Japan, will invite over 500 U.S. citizens to work as government assistants or assistants in English language education for a period of one year. The JET program, in its second year, commences in August, 1988. During its first year, 30 participants from Washington and Montana were selected for the program.

Applicants to the JET program must be U.S. citizens, under age 35, hold a bachelor's degree, be in excellent health and possess excellent written and oral English skills. It is also desirable that applicants have basic Japanese language ability and experience in teaching English. The positions will pay 3.6 million yen (approximately \$26,000 at the current rate of exchange) a year.


Information pamphlets and application forms are now available. Deadline for applications is December 20, 1987. Those who pass final screening will be interviewed in late February, 1988. Final selection will be made in March, 1988. Participants will leave for Japan in July, 1988. For those interested in this program, contact: Consul Tani, Consulate-General of Japan, 1301 5th Ave. Suite 3110, Seattle, WA 98101, (206)682-9107.

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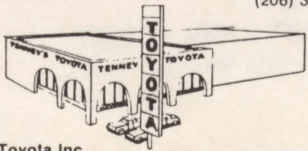
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Calendar of Events

CHAPTER INSTALLATION BANQUET -- Wednesday, Dec. 16, Bush Garden Restaurant, 614 Maynard Ave. S. Social hour, 5:30 p.m.; dinner, 6:30 p.m.

KARAOKE FESTIVAL -- Saturday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m., Pigott Auditorium, Seattle University (enter from 12th and E. Columbia). To benefit Keiro Nursing Home in purchasing a Karaoke system. Donation: \$7.

DOSHI KAI MEETING -- Wednesday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m., JA CL office.

1988 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD PLANNING RETREAT -- Saturday, Jan. 9, 9 a.m., Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church, 3001 24th Ave. S.

TOMO NO KAI MEETING -- Monday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m., Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S. Elections.

NORTHWEST ASIAN AMERICAN THEATRE PRESENTS "THE GAMBLING DEN" -- Wednesday through Sunday beginning Jan. 13 and ending Feb. 14, 8 p.m. except Sundays at 2 p.m., Theatre Off Jackson, 409 7th Ave. S. A Japanese American family in rural California runs a cafe, behind which is a gambling den. Tickets: \$10 general, \$7 students/seniors. Group packages available. Reservations and info: 340-1049.

PAUL HORIUCHI: MASTER OF COLLAGE -- Through Jan. 17, Tacoma Art Museum, 12th and Pacific Ave., Tacoma, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

DOSHI KAI LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT RETREAT -- Jan. 22 through 24, Pilgrim Firs, 3318 SW Lake Flora Rd., Port Orchard, WA. Info: Teresa Sato, 367-8710.

OSHOGATSU, NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION -- Saturday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. The tolling of temple bells, koto music, martial arts, lion dance and Kabuki play "Tsuru Onna." Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students. Info: 624-8801.

-- compiled by Ed Suguro

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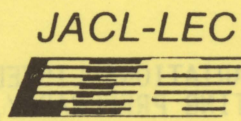
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THE TIME TO BEGIN OUR LETTER WRITING APPEAL

TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN IS HERE !!!!!

Because of the uncertainty of the timing for the Senate floor vote on the redress bill, we have been unable to give clear-cut signals to begin the massive letter writing campaign to urge President Reagan to sign HR 442/S.1009. We now have the go-ahead.

Although time is running short before adjournment of the 1st session of the 100th Congress (currently expected to end on December 16), the word from Senator Sparky Matsunaga's office is that, despite the temporary setback caused by the stock market crash, he still intends to bring the bill to the floor, possibly during the second week in December. Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), powerful Republican conservative, is reported to be "flatly opposed to the \$1.3 billion price tag of the redress bill," and a possible filibuster by him is threatened. Matsunaga has been attempting to persuade Senator Helms to lift his opposition.

On the good news side, it is reported that Senator Matsunaga has met with former Senate majority leader Howard Baker, who is now White House chief of staff, and that Baker has expressed support for the bill.

Latest word from our JACL/LEC Washington D.C. office is to proceed with letters to the White House. Following are two alternatives, based on the timing of the Senate bill passage:

IF THE SENATE BILL 1009 HAS PASSED BY DECEMBER 16 (watch your news sources):

Write to President Ronald Reagan immediately urging him to approve HR 442/S. 1009. (Letter may be brief, clearly expressing support.)

Address:

President Ronald Reagan
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Washington, D.C. 20500

(If convenient, a copy of your letter could be sent to JACL/LEC, 316 Maynard Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98104, as we would appreciate knowing of your efforts.)

IF THE SENATE BILL HAS NOT PASSED BY DECEMBER 16, or date of adjournment, it is conceivable that the President may not receive the bill on his desk until well into 1988; but in order that we may be ready at any time:

- 1) Write President Reagan an undated letter addressed as above, but send it in an envelope addressed to: "President Ronald Reagan, c/o JACL/LEC, 316 Maynard Ave. So., #108, Seattle, WA 98104."

At the appropriate timing, we will forward all accumulated mail to the White House to aim for the greatest impact. The target of the Seattle JACL Redress Committee and Washington Coalition on Redress is to accumulate 2,000 letters by January, ready to go. Let's begin immediately!

- 2) If the S. 1009 has not passed by this year, we must counteract the opposition mail being sent to the Senators. Senator Brock Adams' office reported heavy opposition mail received just after passage of HR 442 in September, with "much of it angry". Bolster the support of our two Washington senators for the upcoming senate floor vote. Address Senator Brock Adams and Senator Daniel Evans at "U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510".

Remember, a mere few thousand letters to the White House will not make a difference. It will be critical to initiate a veritable avalanche of supportive mail nation-wide. Let's show that the Seattle Chapter, which has been outstanding in its redress efforts, can again outperform the other areas!!!

FOLLOWING IS A SAMPLE LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT, WITH SEVERAL VARIATIONS LISTED BELOW. COPY ONE, OR PERSONALIZE YOUR OWN, IN LEGIBLE HANDWRITING PREFERABLY, OR TYPEWRITTEN IF YOU PREFER. LETTERS NEED NOT BE LENGTHY, EVEN ONE OR TWO SENTENCES IS O.K.

President Ronald Reagan
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Re: The Civil Liberties Act of 1987 - H.R. 442/S. 1009

Dear Mr. President:

Please affirm that the United States Constitution applies to all Americans and sign into law the Civil Liberties Act of 1987.

Our government instituted actions which resulted in major civil and constitutional rights violations. Solely on the basis of ancestry, 120,000 persons, most of whom were American citizens, were forcibly removed from their homes and incarcerated for up to four years. The false imprisonment and denial of due process for Japanese Americans remains a stain on our Constitution which you can correct.

During your presidency you have been in the forefront for causes affecting individual freedom. I urge you to sign this legislation, and to send the message that anything short of equal justice is unacceptable to the leader of this great democracy.

Sincerely,

Your Signature

Address

- 1) So that history may record that you cared about minorities and human rights, please sign into law the Civil Liberties Act of 1987.
- 2) The Civil Liberties Act of 1987 would redress the wrongs our government deliberately committed against a single ethnic group, judging them guilty only by reason of race. For the sake of justice, please sign this measure into law -- for it addresses an issue important not only to Japanese Americans, but to all Americans.
- 3) The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians found that the mass incarceration of Americans of Japanese ancestry was not based on military necessity but was caused by "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership." Please sign the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, legislation which implements the Commission's recommendations for rectifying these grave injustices.
- 4) I am writing to urge that you sign the Civil Liberties Act of 1987 to compensate in a token way the Americans of Japanese ancestry who were interned during World War II, and denied their freedom based solely on their racial background. Loss of liberty and property can never be adequately recompensed, but our Government must do what it can to rectify the injustices suffered.
- 5) My parents, relatives and friends were mercilessly uprooted from their homes and suffered great emotional damage and tremendous economic losses. Thousands of these same Japanese Americans volunteered from the barbed wire camps to serve with great distinction in the armed forces, many giving their lives for our nation. I hope that such a great nation is able to admit it was wrong and grant this token gesture of restitution.
- 6) Please sign into law the Civil Liberties Act of 1987. History will remember the name of President Ronald Reagan for approving an act which fundamentally upholds and safeguards our precious Constitutional rights.