

# J A C L NEWSLETTER

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### Message from the president: 'ones who have made all the accomplishments possible'

This year has been filled with challenges, seemingly unobtainable goals and some obstacles. In retrospect, the problems have been relatively minor when viewed alongside of the accomplishments and results of this year. Through it all, I have been the beneficiary of the many and varied expression of praise from members of our community. Most recently, I was invited to Japan as a result of Consul General Nagai's recommendation.

In accepting the praises and rewards, I have kept in mind that you, the members, are the ones who have made all the accomplishments possible by your volunteerism and your hard work. I wish to thank you for your support this past year, and I know your dedication will provide the basis for future upcoming events.

-- Roger Shimizu

### Special Reports

#### Department of Justice establishes redress office

(Editor's note: The following article was reprinted from the official newsletter of the National Council for Japanese American Redress. It was written by Rita Takahashi, JACL Washington Representative and JACL-LEC Associate Director. The name, "Office of Reparations Administration," has since been changed to "Office of Redress Administration.")

The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice received confirmation on September 7, 1988 that their Division will be responsible for administering Japanese American "reparations payments." As a result, the Office of Reparations Administration was created within the Civil Rights Division.

Bob Bratt, Administrator of the Office of Reparations Administration, advised that their division--including Assistant Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds, head of the Civil Rights Division--was very pleased to get the assignment. In fact, four sections of the Department of Justice submitted proposals to serve as administrators, but the Civil Rights Division ultimately prevailed.

In a September 9 meeting with the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) and JACL-Legislative Education Committee (JACL-LEC), Bratt and the Associate Administrator, Alice Kale, outlined three phases of "reparations": (1) collect data (e.g. identify individuals that might be eligible for payment); (2) verify eligibility; and (3) make payment to eligible individuals.

In addition to Bratt and Kale, the Office of Reparations Administration includes the following professional staff: Valerie O'Brien, administrative attorney, and Jean Chipouras, Public Relations Representative.

The Office of Reparations Administration has set up a process for reparations payment. Included are the following:

-- A telephone hotline (1-800-228-8375) will be open from 7 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. During this time, two shifts of four persons (each shift) will answer questions posed. A bilingual staff will respond to questions in Japanese.

-- A correspondence bank consisting of two shifts of four persons (each shift) will respond to letters. (This correspondence bank, like the hotline, opened on September 19, 1988.)

-- A brochure containing questions and answers will address the central questions that people will have relative to the reparations issue.

-- A special post office number will be assigned strictly to receive inquiries to the Office of Reparations Administration.

-- Staff will be hired to fill various positions. Job announcements will be published.

Because the Civil Rights Division's Office of Reparations Administration is now responsible for payments, they ask that all individuals refrain from sending

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future requests for "eligibility verification" to the National Archives. Instead, direct all inquiries and verification to:

Department of Justice  
 Civil Rights Division  
 Office of Reparations Administration  
 P.O. Box 66260  
 Washington, D.C. 20035-6260

**Justice Department seeks input on redress eligibility**

The Hokubei Mainichi newspaper in San Francisco reported that Assistant Attorney General Reynolds is also seeking input from the Japanese American community regarding questionable circumstances concerning those eligible for redress compensation.

Reynolds, in the Federal Register on October 20, published the announcement, indicating that "any individual or organization wishing to do so may comment on the following questions at this time:

- "Are Peruvian Japanese who were brought to the United States during World War II eligible?
- "Are minors who were repatriated to Japan during World War II eligible?
- "How can voluntary evacuees who may be eligible, but did not complete Change of Residence cards (at the time) be verified?"

Comments may be mailed to:

Valerie O'Brien  
 Office of Redress Administration  
 Civil Rights Division  
 U.S. Department of Justice  
 10th and Constitution Avenue  
 Washington, D.C. 20530

**Individuals and organizations honored for passage of redress bill**

Festive red, white and blue ribbons, inscribed with "Celebration for Redress--Born in Seattle," added a decorative touch to the jubilant atmosphere of the party attended by over 250 people from the Greater Seattle area on October 2.

The event, sponsored by the Washington Coalition on Redress and the Seattle JACL Redress Committee, was also held to honor the state's congressional delegation, key state legislators and city and school district officials for their contributions to the success of the redress effort.

Making a surprise appearance, Congressman Mike Lowry (D-Wash.) was cited for

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his significant pioneering role when he introduced the first redress legislation in 1979. Lowry then addressed the audience, thanking them and the Japanese American community for leading the fight for constitutional rights for all Americans. He then presented to Seattle Chapter President Roger Shimizu an American flag certified as having been flown over the U.S. Capitol building on August 10, 1988. The flag was flown for JACL at Congressman Lowry's special request to commemorate the date President Ronald Reagan signed the redress bill.

The program opened with a rousing performance by the Seattle Buddhist Church's Matsuri Taiko Group, followed by a celebratory champagne toast by Chizu Omori, chairperson of the event. Honorary citations, presented by Cherry Kinoshita, national vice president for public affairs, and Chuck Kato, chair of the Washington Coalition on Redress, were handed out to Washington State's congressional delegation, which all voted in favor of HR 442. Key state and city legislators were also recognized.

Volunteers representing the Seattle, Lake Washington, Puyallup and White River JACL chapters; the various church organizations, the Nisei Veterans Committee and other individuals who had contributed substantially to the redress effort received certificates of appreciation.

Tim Gojio, former Washington, D.C. representative, briefed the audience on the latest redress information from the Office of Redress Administration. Wayne Kimura, Seattle Redress Chair, served as master of ceremonies.

The sumptuous catered and potluck feast which followed was coordinated by Aki Kurose and Kimi Nakanishi.

## Chapter Focus

### Reservations now being taken for the 1989 Installation Banquet

The 1989 Seattle Chapter Installation Banquet, "The Best is Yet to Come," will be held on Saturday, January 28, 1989 at The Seattle Trade Center, 2501 Elliott Avenue.

No-host cocktails will be served at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. The keynote speaker will be J.D. Hokoyama, executive director of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) in Los Angeles.

For more information, contact Ayako Hurd, 527-1323 or 527-1454; or Ann Fujii, 454-8247.

Please make checks payable to: Seattle Chapter JACL. Return the following form and your check to:

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Please check off your dinner choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ Filet of Pacific King Salmon

\_\_\_\_\_ Roast Prime Rib Beef (If there is more than one selection, please identify next to name.)

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**Two local scholarship winners receive national scholarships**

We are impressed! Congratulations to Scott Tsunehara and David Nakayama, Seattle Chapter scholarship award-winners, who have also each won a coveted National JACL scholarship!

-- Belle Nishioka, Seattle Chapter scholarship chair

Assisting with the October Newsletter mail-out were Ken Nakano, Massie Tomita, Chuck Kato, Wayne Kimura, George Nishi, Midori Tsutsumi, Jean Nishi and Saki Shimizu.

**Community Notes**

**U.W. School of Pharmacy thanks Chapter for donation**

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

On behalf of the students and faculty of the University of Washington School of Pharmacy, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your contribution to the pharmacy enrichment fund in memory of James Hara.

The many innovations in health care provision make it vital for pharmacy education to keep pace with those changes in a responsive and dynamic manner. Scholarship funds such as yours are helping us to accomplish this task.

Your thoughtful support of those who share Mr. Hara's profession will, I am sure, be of comfort to his family.

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**AYAME-KAI'S SEVENTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFTS SALE TO BENEFIT KEIRO** -- Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Seattle Buddhist Church, 1427 S. Main St. Items such as pottery, quilts, children's clothing, dolls, Christmas decorations, baked goods, artwork, fabrics and house plants will be for sale. Info.: 323-7100

**SELF-DEFENSE & ASSERTIVENESS FOR ASIAN-PACIFIC WOMEN** -- Saturday, November 19, noon - 4 p.m., Jefferson Community Center, 3801 Beacon Ave. Seminar in self-defense and overcoming cultural barriers to self-defense. Info.: Kerri or Leslie at 325-5531.

**NIPPON KAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION'S AUTUMN FESTIVAL OF DANCE** -- Saturday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 528 S. Washington St. Hanayagi, Wakayagi and Fujima styles of dance, shamisen music and the Namu-Kai taiko group will be presented. Tickets -- \$7 general, \$5 seniors/students, 75 and over free -- available at Uwajimaya, House of Rice or at the door. Info.: 524-8801.

**JAPANESE COMMUNITY QUEEN COMMITTEE'S QUEEN'S COURT FASHION SHOW** -- Friday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., Seattle Trade Center, 2601 Elliott Ave. Fashion show, dessert and beverage. Tickets: \$10 advance, \$12 at door -- available from committee members or at Uwajimaya. Info.: Jane Tsuboi, 722-2375 (h), 584-1114 (w).

**JAYs MONTHLY MEETING** -- Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m., JACL office.

**DOSHI-KAI MEETING** -- Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., JACL office.

**TOMO-NO-KAI HOLIDAY POTLUCK** -- Saturday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m., Kawabe House, 221 18th Ave. S. All widows and widowers invited. Info: Mikie Onishi, 722-6890.

-- compiled by Ed Suguro

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