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Message from the President: "Our organization has its work cut our for it"

Happy New Year! As we begin this new year, I am excited about the upcoming Board retreat on Saturday, January 7, which will be facilitated by Ike Ikeda, at the Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church. We will convene as a Board and chart

our course for this year.

Last year, the convention and the long awaited passage of redress legislation marked major achievements in the history of our Chapter. Our past achievements challenge us to face this year with high expectations and a strong mission to carry forward the efforts against racial discrimination and to instill a greater understanding of our experiences and special problems. We are a voice for Japanese Americans; and we are also a voice for fairness, justice and peace for all people regardless of their color.

I am reminded by our Chapter's preamble to our constitution which says: "We members of the Japanese American Citizens League -- Seattle Chapter, in order to foster American democracy, promote active participation in civic and national life and secure justice and equal opportunities for persons of Japanese ancestry, as well as for all persons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, or sex, do establish this constitution for the Japanese American Citizens League Seattle

Chapter."

Nearly every day, I hear of people of Japanese ancestry who face discrimination on the job. There are those who are called names and have faced racial harassment in other situations. We must join other civil rights groups to help support efforts against discrimination; there is strength in unity. Our

organization has its work cut out for it.

The Board will be challenged to select issues that call for commitment to the ideals of democracy. I know we will mount a great effort this year to address problems, to find solutions, and to support people. Our challenge is great. We will, however, make a difference. It will take a team effort again, and it will take the willingness of the Board and the general membership to realize the goals we set forth.

Be ready to be called on, and volunteer your time to our efforts. We will need your support this year. As in all beginnings, there is hope. My hope and dreams for this year are embedded in the belief that we each can make a positive difference in the world we live in. I wish you all the very best in '89.

-- Naomi Iwata Sanchez

Chapter Focus

Los Angeles educator and leadership developer will be banquet keynote speaker

J. D. Hokoyama will be the keynote speaker at this year's Installation Banquet to be held on January 28 at the Seattle Trade Center. The theme this year is "The Best is Yet to Come."

Hokoyama was recently appointed director of Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics (LEAP) in Los Angeles. He is also a board member for Cold Tofu, an Asian, Los Angeles-based improvisational acting group.

His involvement in JACL has been at the national level, holding the positions of associate director and acting national president. Recently, he was executive

vice president of fundraising for Keiro Nursing Home in Los Angeles.

Education is also part of J.D.'s background, which includes past positions as director of Asian Pacific Student Services at the University of Southern California, a high school English teacher and principal of an elementary school in Los Angeles.

"I'm a believer in the development of a new generation of Asian Pacific leaders who will challenge JACL to help recruit others and train them in civil and

human rights issues," he said.

To attend the banquet, fill out the enclosed flier. Deadline is January 21. For information, contact Ayako Hurd, 527-1323 or 527-1464; or Ann Fujii, 464-8247.

1989 JACL officers profiled

Naomi Iwata Sanchez -- President

A junior JACLer from Portland, Naomi came to Seattle in 1971 to attend graduate school at the University of Washington. She received a master's degree in social work and a Ph.D. in education.

She began her career in Seattle in the public schools, where she was director of a mental health project at Columbia Elementary School. Since then, she has managed the Department of Youth Services -- one of King County's largest departments -- served as staff person for Washington Governor John Spellman for five years, and served as president of the Center for Career Alternatives.

Naomi helped obtain redress for Washington state employees fired during World War II and was instrumental in ensuring that the Seattle Police Department develop

a training film on malicious harassment.

Naomi currently serves as Vice Chancellor of the Seattle Community College District, and will be involved with the state legislature for a sixth session. She is also an International District Rotary Club member and involved with Greater YMCA Metropolitan and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce legislative committee.

Naomi sees JACL as a good mixture of her interests in civil rights and her own identity. As chair of the Chapter Anti-Discrimination Committee, she developed a coalition so all minority groups within the community can share concerns, experiences and work together.

This year, Naomi's whole family will be involved with JACL. Her son, Philip Sanchez, and mother, Miyo Iwata, will be heading up the Newsletter mailout.

Teresa Sato -- 1st Vice President

Born at McChord Air Force Base, Teresa grew up in suburban Washington, D.C. and has been back in the Northwest since fall of 1984 to attended the graduate

business program at the University of Washington.

Teresa has taught elementary school, bartended and managed a high-volume restaurant. She now works at the SAFECO Employment Center in the University District. Her job involves interviewing, hiring, campus recruiting, advertising, and public and community relations as it relates to the responsibilities of the personnel department.

She has just recently become a board member for the Center for Human Services, and also serves on the Finance Committee at Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church.

This is her third year serving on the Seattle Chapter JACL Board, devoting her first year to establishing Doshi Kai, and her second as 2nd Vice President.

Teresa lives in Snohomish with her husband, Rick, and two dogs: Great Dane "Alexander" and weimaraner "Gretchen."

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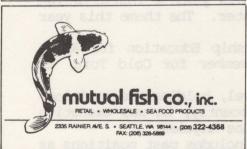
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Ann Fujii -- 2nd Vice President

Ann grew up in Seattle and earned an editorial journalism degree from the University of Washington. She has been on the staff of the <u>International Examiner</u> and <u>Asian Family Affair</u>, and worked for <u>Associated Press</u> for four years. Ann currently works in the Business News department at the The Seattle Times, where

she has worked for almost five years.

Ann has also been on the Seattle Chapter JACL Board for a few years, and is the 1989 Installation Banquet chairperson. She has just taken up Telemark Skiing -- a combination of both downhill and cross-country skiing. She plans to resume running soon!

Bruce Echigoshima -- 3rd Vice President

This is Bruce's second year on the Board; he initially got involved with JACL through Doshi Kai.

Bruce attended the University of Washington and earned a degree in business administration with a concentration in finance. He also has a law degree from the University of Puget Sound and is a member of the Washington State Bar.

For two years, Bruce has worked for SAFECO's Property and Casualty Company in Surety. His hobbies include racquetball and skiing.

Al Sugiyama -- 4th Vice President

Born and raised in Seattle, Al attended Garfield High School and the University of Washington. After college, he worked at Franklin High School in human relations, and also worked at the Seattle Opportunities Industrialization

Center and the Employment Opportunities Center.

Nine years ago, Al established the Center for Career Alternatives and currently serves as its executive director. He is also a member of the School Board Budget Committee, the executive committee for the State Job Training

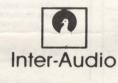
Coordination Council, and serves as chairperson of the Asian Director's Coalition. Al started the first Asian American Studies Program at Seattle Community College in 1969. He was volunteer managing editor of <u>Asian Family Affair</u> newspaper for 13 years. Al lives on Beacon Hill with his wife, Kathy, and two children.

Vicki Toyohara -- President-Elect

Born in California and raised in Seattle, Vicki attended Cleveland High School and earned an undergraduate degree in education from Western Washington State College, a master's degree in education from the University of Washington, and a doctorate in law from the University of Oregon.

She served as special deputy prosecutor for one year at the King County Criminal Division. Since 1982, Vicki has been with the office of the Seattle City

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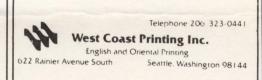
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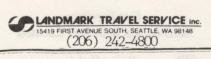




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Attorney as assistant city attorney. She also serves as the special prosecutor in child abuse cases.

Vicki has been involved with JACL since 1981, where she has been a Board member, 1st and 4th Vice President, and served as chair of the 1986 Installation Banquet.

She is also actively involved in the legal community. A past member of the State Board of Washington Women Lawyers, she currently serves on the Board of Visitors for the University of Oregon Law School, Minority and Justice Task Force for the Washington State Supreme Court, Asian Task Force for Seattle Community College District 6, and a member of the Volunteer Legal Services Committee for the Seattle-King County Bar Association and a board member for Metro Center YMCA.

Active in church and with her family, Vicki likes to go matsutake hunting. She plans to be married in July to Don Mukai, an attorney for US WEST Communications.

-- submitted by Teresa Sato

Newsletter mailout crew could always use help

If you're looking for a good time, good company and results before your very eyes, please join us!

Every second Wednesday of the month, we need your help to assemble, fold, staple and label the monthly JACL Newsletter for mailing. We meet in the JACL office at $6 \, \mathrm{p.m.}$ If you have any questions, please call Teresa Sato at 545-6098 (work) or 1-668-9244 (home).

If you have articles or announcements for the newsletter, the deadline is the first day of each month. Place them in the folder marked "Newsletter" at the JACL office, or mail them to Ken Mochizuki, editor, c\o International Examiner, 318 Sixth Avenue South, #127, Seattle, WA 98104, 624-3925.

-- Teresa Sato

Mailing out the December Newsletter were Bruce Echigoshima, May Namba, Naomi Sanchez, Philip Sanchez, Miyo Iwata, Sam Shoji, Teresa Sato, Jan Nishi, Michelle Kumata, Saki Shimizu and Roger Shimizu.

Thank you to everyone who helped last year with the monthly mailout.

-- Saki Shimizu

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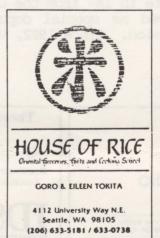


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Cooking lessons on Japanese dishes "a great way to begin the new year"

On December 28, a group gathered in the JACL office to learn how to make traditional Japanese new year's foods. Several people made the event a success by preparing special dishes ahead of time.

The Chapter thanks the following members who contributed their time and effort to this event: Shea Aoki, Alice Baba, Aiko Mizuki, Yokko Matsumoto, Sadako Matsumoto, Tomo Shoji, Peggy Shoji, Massie Tomita, Mary Uchida, Pauline Yamashita, Teresa Sato and Naomi Sanchez.

After learning about the meaning of the dishes -- some turned out to be quite humorous -- those involved were able to sample each of the dishes. What a treat! It was a great way to begin the new year.

Calendar of Events

JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP: CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL JAPANESE PRINTS, PAINTINGS AND CERAMIC SCULPTURE -- Through Jan. 28, Northwest Peace Museum at Frederick & Nelson, 5th Ave. and Pine St., open during store hours.

ETCHINGS AND MONOPRINTS BY KAZUKO WATANABE -- Through Jan. 31, Kimzey Miller Gallery, 1225 2nd Ave., Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun., noon 5 p.m.

OSHOGATSU, JAPANESE NEW YEAR PRESENTED BY THE NIPPON KAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION -- Saturday, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m., Nippon Kan Theatre, 628 S. Washington St. Features Madame Aya Sakoda and the Kyoto Todo Kai, Keiko Kanagawa and shakuhachi master Kodo Araki V. Tickets: \$7 general, \$5 seniors/students, 75 and over free -- available at Uwajimaya, House of Rice or at the door.

"RAGE, POWER AND FULFILIMENT: THE MALE JOURNEY IN JAPANESE PRINTS -- Opens Jan. 26, Seattle Art Museum, Volunteer Park, Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thurs. till 9 p.m., Sun., noon - 5 p.m. The pleasures, duties and dangers of being a Japanese male in the Edo and Meji periods as shown in 150 woodblock prints.

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1989 INSTALLATION BANQUET -- "THE BEST IS YET TO COME" -- Saturday, January 28, 5 p.m., Seattle Trade Center, 2601 Elliott Ave. Tickets \$25 per person. Deadline: January 21

DOSHI-KAI MEETING -- Wednesday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m., JACL office.

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

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